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The Straight of It

By Charles E. Fuller

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THE future welfare and prosperity of every man, woman and child, citizens of this country, and of their children yet unborn, depends on the winning of this world war.

All the resources of the country are pledged and, if necessary, will be used. The cost is tremendous but what is at stake is of more consequence than any cost.

Let the third great Liberty Loan be subscribed, and over-subscribed, cheerfully for patriotic reasons, and quickly as the best investment possible to be made at the present time and under present conditions. The man who hesitates to do his part as far as his means will permit is not working for his own and his country's best interests.

No slacker is worthy to be an American citizen or to enjoy the blessings of liberty and free government. Now is the time; all get together and all for our country to the last dollar if need be; to the last drop of blood if necessary, that liberty and free government may endure, and shall not perish from the earth.



Go Across or Come Across

YOUR boy is offering his life for you. Show him your appreciation. Lend to Uncle Sam by investing in Liberty Bonds.

Go the limit in supporting the boys "over there."

Liberty Bonds affords the means for your doing so. Smite the mailed fist of Potsdam by investing in Liberty Bonds, the safest and strongest security in the world.

Cast thy gold upon the waters for the Third Liberty Loan, for it shall return in ample dividends of peace and plenty.

"Thy Kingdom Come" is a petition that may be answered thru the Third Liberty Loan. Make your purse and prayers hang together.

Pray and pay for the Third Liberty Loan.

If David did not fear Goliath, shall America, with David's faith and innocence, fear the Goliath of Berlin? Back up your courage with cash for the Third Liberty Loan.

There must be no new cracks in our Liberty Bell now. Support our fighting men with your Liberty Bonds.

Support of the Third Liberty Loan makes a practical patriot of you.

Conscription for the boys who must go. Subscription from those who stay.

Investments in Liberty Bonds will show the lad in the trenches that he is not forgotten and will hearten him to strive for an early victory.

Be patriotic and thrifty by investing in Liberty Bonds. Every dollar thus invested is a step toward world peace and world freedom.

It is not a donation to the government, this buying of Liberty Bonds, but the sanest, safest investment in the world.



ONE of the best investments the people of the United States have made is the generous support given the American Red Cross in the last twelve months. Poor old suffering Europe today knows us as a great-hearted nation because of the magnificent work accomplished by our Red Cross over there. And for that, they will never forget us. Soon again we shall be asked by the organization for another \$100,000,000 that this labor may be continued. We must see that the measure is filled to overflowing. —Just one more little individual sacrifice for the cause of humanity.

FREDERIC M. GRANT
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OF CHICAGO

The Great Building Industry Will Back This Campaign to the Limit.



Permanent Construction for Industrial Housing

**"Not bunk houses or barracks
But Homes for Workingmen"**

Homes for Workingmen



Practical Plans for Industrial Housing

The AMERICAN BUILDER takes pleasure in presenting on the nine pages following several authoritative industrial housing articles, the full text of the Government's Standards for War Housing, and a collection of eight industrial housing designs—real homes for workingmen of the sort so urgently needed right now in hundreds of cities and towns in practically every State of the Union. The AMERICAN BUILDER has for years been featuring the type of dwellings wanted at this time to house the nation's war workers; it is the greatest available repository of housing designs and data, and the AMERICAN BUILDER readers—the house building contractors—are the men who are handling the great bulk of this industrial housing work.

Alton, Ill., Is Building 300 Homes

AN INDUSTRIAL HOUSING PROJECT ORGANIZED TO SUPPLY REAL HOMES FOR WORKINGMEN TO BUY OR TO RENT, AND NOT CONFINED TO ONE SUBDIVISION, BUT ALL OVER TOWN

By Herbert C. Crocker

THREE hundred homes with an average cost of \$4,000, are to be constructed at Alton, Ill., during the present year to provide residences for the great number of persons who have moved into the city during the past few months. Carlinville, Ill., only a few miles east is considering a similar plan to be prepared for an increase in population, and Granite City, Ill., 10 miles south of Alton, is becoming uneasy about the housing conditions.

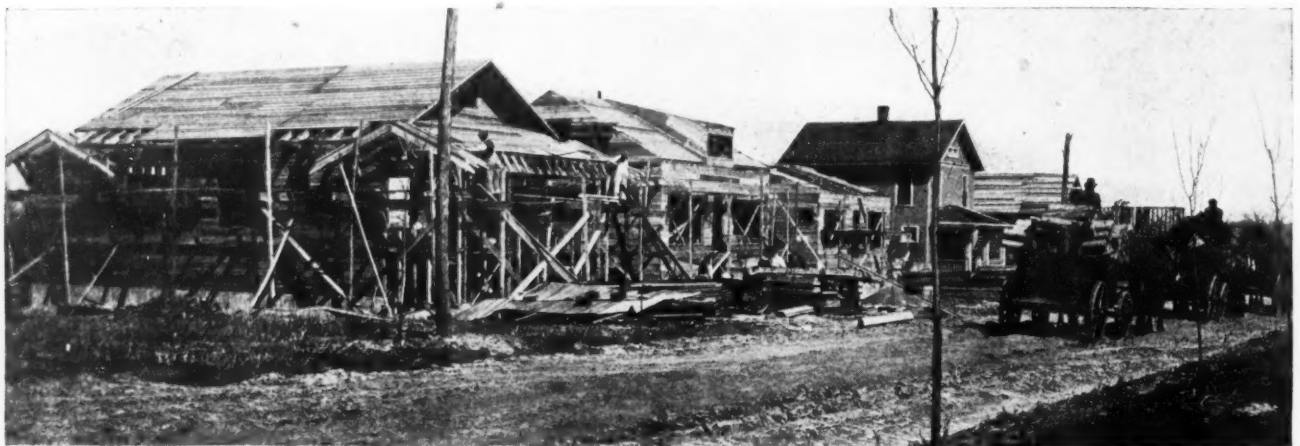
Ground was broken for the first 30 houses at Alton during March, and it is expected to average one house a day until the plans are carried out. If it is found

that 300 dwellings are inadequate to house the newcomers, then additional homes will be constructed as fast as possible.

A plan of action has been adopted and the movement is endorsed by the Alton Board of Trade, the Alton Joint Housing Committee, the Alton Retail Merchants' Association, the East End Improvement Association, the Alton Trades and Labor Assembly, and the Building Trades Council.

Here's what Alton expects to do:

First—To build houses in every section of Alton where the need exists.



Materials Scheduled to Arrive at Regular Intervals on the Alton, Ill., Job.

Second—To build the kind of a house in each section best adapted to the surroundings.

Third—To build houses of as many types and prices as required to fill the demands in all sections of Alton.

Fourth—To build, to order, in any section of Alton, the particular kind of a house desired.

Fifth—Not to confine the operation to any one part of the city or to the exploitation of any particular subdivision.

The majority of the new buildings will be five, six and seven-room structures of frame, brick, stone and composition. A few may probably be smaller or larger, the idea being to build homes for all classes in the various enterprises of the city.

The buildings were begun after two months' consideration and during the time all of the details have been worked out. Renters desiring to own a home may place their order or select one of the many styles erected. Residents of the city or those just moving in may rent or buy, just as they see fit.

The idea is to sell the homes with a first payment of \$200 or \$300 and the remainder will be paid off at rent rates.

The need of the new houses has been brought about thru the enormous industrial activities. With only one or two exceptions the industries will not be affected by a termination of the war, most of the

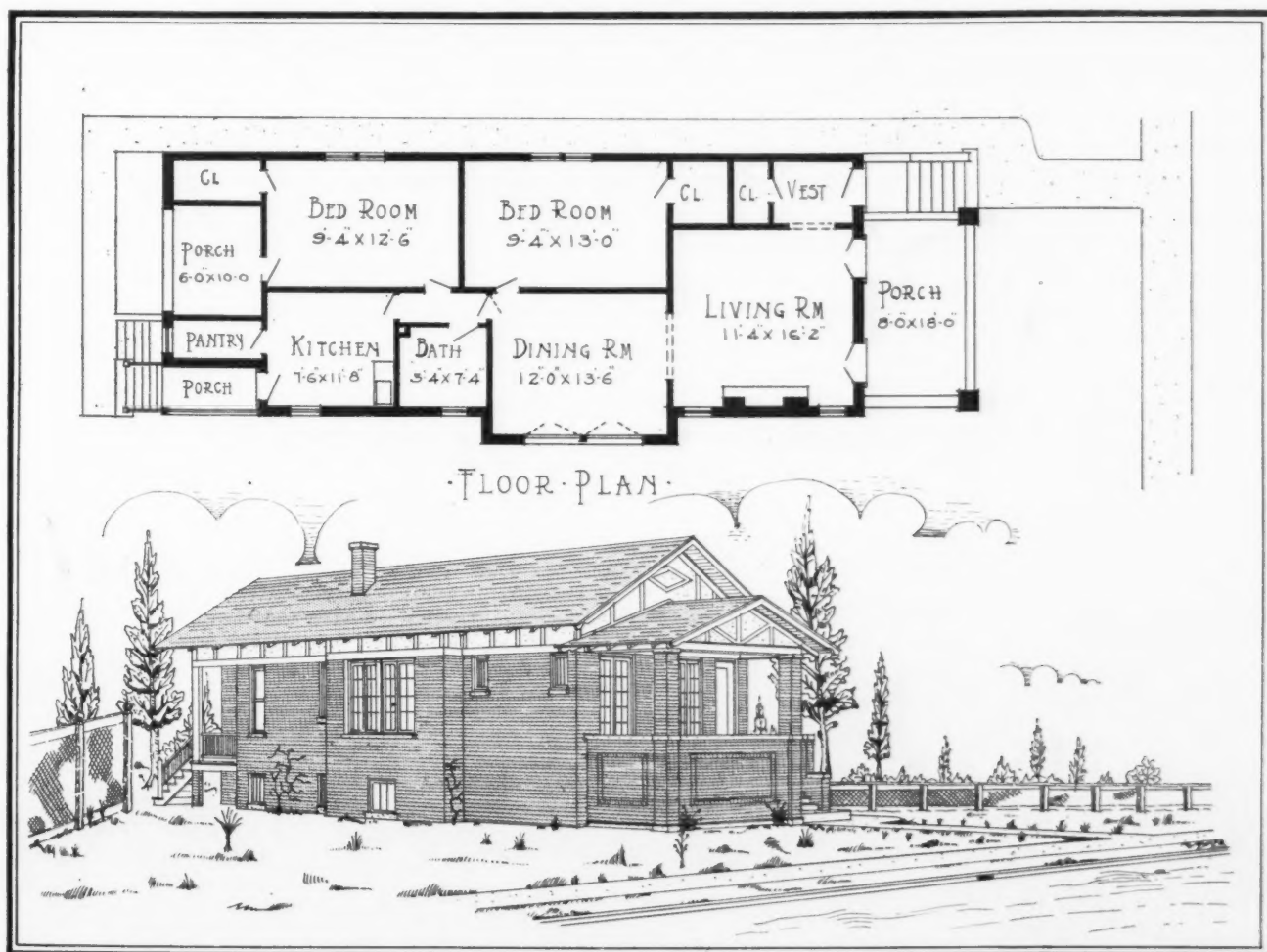


This is Going to be a Good Looking Stucco Job, One of Many Being Put Up at Alton.

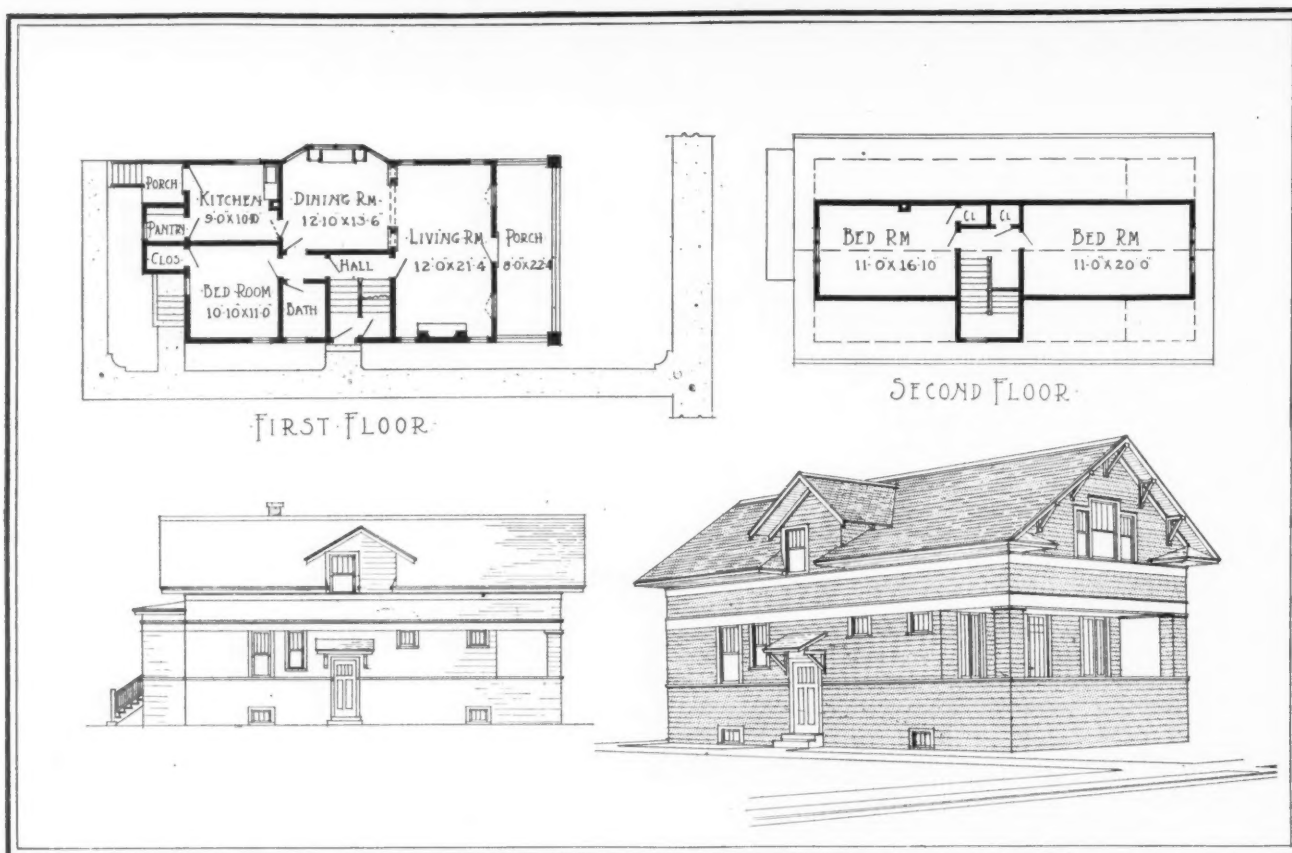
articles and commodities manufactured being a daily necessity.

The 1910 federal census showed Alton had a population of 17,528. An industrial survey was made in 1916 and federal authorities estimated the census at 22,000. Today the census is estimated at 32,400, or nearly 100 percent increase in eight years.

In 1914, when many cities were experiencing near-panics, Alton showed an increase of 50.4 percent in her general conditions. The invested capital in the city proper increased from \$5,585,000 to \$8,695,000. Wages increased 15 per cent and material 18.5 per cent. The value of the products grew from \$10,096,000



A Popular 5-Room Bungalow for Industrial Housing. This Plan with Several Different Changes in the Exterior, is Being Used at Alton, Ill.



Alton Demands Good Homes of the Modern Style. This Design Goes Well. It is a 6-Room, Narrow Lot, 2-Story Dwelling.

to \$12,865,000, an increase of 27 per cent.

The estimated value of capital in Alton and her industrial territory today is estimated at \$24,000,000. The 105 plants employ 12,000 people and the monthly payroll is \$1,000,000. Carefully prepared data shows that 9600 people ride steam trains or interurban cars daily, most of them to the plants within a three-mile radius of the city.

After their day's work is over they return to Alton

for rest and recreation.

The growth became noticeable shortly after 1910, when the Standard Oil Company erected a \$5,000,000 refinery just south of the city on the Mississippi river, where a barge line service could be opened to New Orleans. At present the Roxana Oil Company is erecting a refinery and the International Shoe Company putting up a big tannery.

The Standard Oil Company is also the cause of



Three Foundations Under Way at Alton, the First Finished, the Second Plastered Outside and the Third Under Construction.

the changes to come over Carlinville. The company has already acquired thousands of acres of coal rights and the first of several coal mines will be in operation this fall. The new coal field will afford better shipping facilities to the plants at Alton, Whiting, Ind., the new refinery at Louisville, Ky., and the Kansas City, Mo., plant.

The increase at Granite City is due to the general demand for steel and other articles manufactured there.

Recently government agents made a survey of housing conditions at Alton and found them alarming. Homes, hotels and boarding houses were found crowded, in some cases three or four girls occupying a single room. There was talk of the government taking a hand in erecting a large number of cottages at East Alton, a neighboring city where 3,800 persons are employed in a munitions plant.

The prospect of losing a large portion of her citizens caused Alton to get busy. Several conferences were held by leading men of the city. The conditions were talked in civic bodies which resulted in the venture.

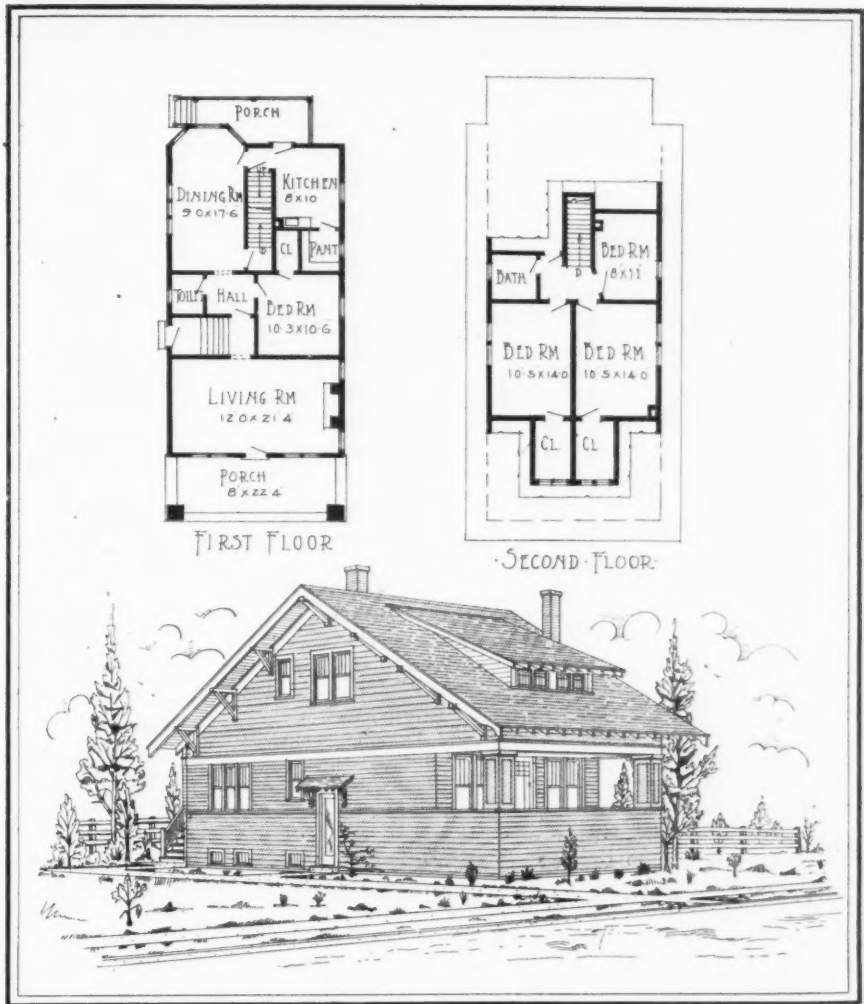
Progress Being Made

Marked progress has been made during the past four weeks; the first group of fifteen dwellings has been finished and the second lot of sixteen is well under way.

The Alton Joint Housing Committee believes the question has been solved in the plan put into effect. Altho barely a month has passed, applications have



Many of the Alton Houses Have Tile Basement Walls. They Are Warm, Dry and Inexpensive.



This Design is Always Popular. It is Being Used Extensively in the 300-Home Project at Alton.

been made for 130 homes. Most will be filled thru the class of houses decided upon by those in charge; but a number will be special orders ranging from \$3,000 to \$6,000.

The matter of financing the project has been carried on under direction of the Joint Housing Committee and a fund sufficient for the construction of the first fifty houses has been created. During the Liberty Loan drive, efforts to raise funds for the plan were abandoned and those in charge were active in the sale of Bonds.

A few days ago the writer visited the first group under construction and was impressed with the progress which had been made in ten days of actual work. In the building of small, one-family residences there are few opportunities to use mechanical devices as short-cuts to economical and rapid construction.

So the saving must be along other lines. In the plan at Alton the minimum in cost is secured thru buying lots in large numbers, buying material in local and foreign markets but thru the lowest prices possible, the letting of sub-contracts with care, and the organization of the working force to avoid clashes

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Government's Standards for War Housing

FULL TEXT OF RECOMMENDATION FOR PERMANENT HOUSING PROJECTS BY THE BUREAU OF INDUSTRIAL HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Publication authorized by

Otto M. Eidlitz, Chairman

The policy of the Housing Administration is to encourage the formation in each industrial locality of a responsible housing corporation, organized and financed by local business men and to loan to that corporation up to 80% of the funds needed for the building of workingmen's dwellings.

The "Standards" which follow, have been formulated to govern all housing construction work to be undertaken with governmental funds.

THESE standards are not intended as inflexible requirements, but any plans which fail to conform to them are not likely to be accepted unless supported by very strong reasons. Local building codes, housing laws, and similar ordinances are to be followed; provided, however, that in case such local regulations permit or require anything not permitted by these standards the express approval of this bureau is to be obtained before departing from the standards as here outlined.

Types of Houses

Type 1, single-family house. Type 2, two-family house. Type 3, single-family house with rooms for lodgers or boarders. Type 4, lodging house for men. Type 5, hotel for men. Type 6, lodging house for women. Type 7, hotel for women. Type 8, tenement house. Type 9, boarding house.

1. General Provision

All types of houses to conform to these general provisions and, in addition, to certain special provisions as later indicated:

1. *Arrangement.*—Row or group houses normally not to be more than two rooms deep.

2. *Basements.*—No living quarters to be in basements.

3. *Closets.*—Every bedroom to have a clothes closet, opening from the room. Built-in wardrobe dressers will not be accepted. Normally such closet to be not less than 22 inches deep and with door. Closets to be supplied with rods to take coat hangers.

4. *Cooking.*—Gas preferred, but fire for coal stove to be provided; all flues to be lined. The question of whether or not cook stoves are to be provided with the house to be considered at the time materials are being ordered.

5. *Fences.*—Board fences will not be accepted. Hedges or open metal fences desirable. Suitable arrangements for drying clothes to be provided. Where there are open metal fences the fence standards can be designed for this purpose.

6. *Furniture Space.*—Beds to be indicated to scale on plans (double beds, 5 feet by 6 feet 6 inches; single beds, 3 feet by 6 feet 6 inches). Location of beds not to interfere with windows or doors. It is recommended that beds be free standing and not located in a corner or with the side against the wall. Space to be provided for two pieces of furniture in addition to bed. Halls, stairs, and doors to permit easy moving of furniture.

7. *Gardens.*—Allotment gardens, conveniently accessible, preferable to increasing the size of the lot to provide for individual backyard vegetable gardens.

8. *Ligting.*—Electricity preferred.

9. *Materials of Exterior.*—Materials dependent on local supplies; brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete preferred. Outer walls to be insulated against dampness and condensation. Rat nogging to be provided. Roof to be fire resisting; leaders and gutters not essential unless drip will do harm.

10. *Open Spaces.*—Side-yard space between adjacent buildings to be preferably 20 feet; minimum, 16 feet; such space to be increased proportionately for each additional story, or

part of story, above two stories. If this space is not obtainable because of lot sizes or land values, houses should be built in rows or groups.

Rear-yard depth not to be less than height of building, nor in any case less than 20 feet. Minimum distance between backs of houses to be 50 feet. Consideration to be given as to whether sites should be provided for garages. When not an integral part of the house, garages should preferably be at the rear of the lot, should not be located closer than 15 feet to the nearest part of the house, and should not exceed one story in height.

Front yards or setbacks desirable where practicable; minimum distance from front of house to front of opposite house to be 50 feet.

Covered porches to be considered part of building.

11. *Plumbing.*—House drain under house and 5 feet outside to be extra heavy cast iron. It is recommended that soil and waste pipes be extra heavy cast iron or genuine wrought iron. Soil and waste pipes to be extended thru roof. A 3-inch soil stack preferred where not more than two water-closets are placed on one stack.

Water-closets to be porcelain and wash-down, siphon, or siphon-jet type, with individual flush tank. Open-front seat recommended. Outdoor water-closets will not be accepted. Privies will not be accepted. Cellar water-closets not permitted except where supplementary to accommodations herein required.

Access to water-closet compartments to be from hall or vestibule, never solely from a room. Plunger, pan, long-hopper, and range closets will not be accepted.

Hot and cold water to be provided to all fixtures, with proper drains and shut-offs. Wooden sinks and wash trays will not be accepted.

All fixtures to be separately trapped except in batteries of wash trays and combined sink and wash tray, where one trap is sufficient.

Venting of traps to conform to approved practice, except that the back venting of the top or only fixture on a line is not required. Sink and lavatory traps to be connected direct to the vertical wastes, and not to floor branches. Exposed pipes preferred, and, when exposed, wrought iron preferred. Where possible, lines to be concentrated and kept from outside walls.

12. *Porches.*—Desirable. To be of durable construction, particularly the foundations; to be restricted from encroaching on minimum side yard or unduly darkening rooms.

13. *Rear Entrances.*—In the case of row or group houses there may be access to the rear thru minor one-way public streets. Such streets to be not less than 12 feet wide; to be properly paved, curbed, drained, and lighted. Private alleys will not be accepted.

14. *Roof Air Space.*—In every house there shall be a minimum clear space of 8 inches between the ceiling and the roof; this space to be provided with adequate waterproof openings for ventilation, at both ends if practicable.

15. *Rooms, Number Of.*—Bathrooms are not to be counted as rooms.

16. *Stairs.*—Risers to be not more than 8 inches high and treads to be not less than 9 inches wide. Winding stairs will not be accepted except in types 1, 2, and 3. Not more than 2 winders will be allowed in series. Treads must measure at least 9 inches wide 18 inches from rail.

17. *Ventilation.*—Every room to have at least one window opening directly to the outer air. Two windows in each room generally preferred; one window sufficient in small bedrooms.

Each room to have a window area of not less than 12 square feet.

Cross ventilation as direct as possible to be provided for all rooms thru windows, transoms, or doors; communicating door recommended between front and rear bedrooms in row houses.

Every bathroom to have window of not less than 6 square feet in area opening directly to the outer air.

Every water-closet compartment to have a window of not less than $4\frac{1}{2}$ square feet in area opening directly to the outer air. A skylight in the roof, with an equal amount of glass area and provided with adequate ventilators, will be accepted in lieu of such window, but skylights are not desirable.

18. *Windows.*—Minimum area to be measured between stop beads. Window head to be as near ceiling as practicable. Windows may be double-hung, pivoted, or casement. If double-hung, upper and lower sash to be the same size. In cities with soft-coal smoke nuisance, minimum area to be increased.

Window frames to be designed to accommodate screens and outside shutters. In cold climates, weather strips are recommended.

II. Special Provisions for Types 1, 2 and 3

Type 1. Single-family house.

Type 2. Two-family house. ("Two-flatter," one family upstairs, one down. For "double house," see "single-family house, semi-detached.")

Type 3. Single-family house with rooms for not more than three lodgers or boarders.

In addition to complying with all general provisions, types 1, 2, and 3 are to comply with the following special provisions:

1. *Arrangement.*—Types 1 and 3 not to be over $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories high. Type 2 not to be over 2 stories high.

When detached or semi-detached, types 1, 2, and 3 normally not to be over 3 rooms deep; when in rows or groups, not to be over 2 rooms deep except that the end house of row may be 3 rooms deep.

2. *Cellar.*—To be well lighted, cross ventilated, dry, and paved or cemented. Minimum clear height under joists, 6 feet 6 inches. When hot-air furnaces are used, minimum height 7 feet. Cellar not essential under whole house. Where climatic or soil conditions make cellar inadvisable it may be omitted, in which case adequate provision is to be made for storing fuel. Where cellar is omitted, house to be set up on masonry piers or walls 2 feet clear from ground; space to be drained, inclosed, and ventilated.

3. *Grouping.*—Single-family houses of the more expensive type preferably to be detached houses, but may be semi-detached or even attached in rows or groups. In other cases where land values permit, detached or semi-detached are desirable; otherwise attached in rows or groups.

4. *Heating.*—Provision to be made for heating houses. If not otherwise heated, bathroom to be heated from kitchen stove.

5. *Materials of Exterior.*—Brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete preferred; but wood frame clapboards, shingled, or stuccoed permitted for detached or semi-detached houses not over $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories high. Party walls to be of brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete.

6. *Plumbing.*—Bathtub (shower is not sufficient).

Lavatory, to be preferably in bathroom.

Sink to be in kitchen; rim 36 inches above floor.

Washtubs with covers, preferably two, rim 36 inches above floor, to be set in kitchen or in well-lighted, dry, and ventilated cellar.

Water-closet to be inside the house in well-lighted and ventilated compartment, with window of $4\frac{1}{2}$ square feet minimum

area to outer air, and preferably with imperious floor not of concrete.

7. *Rooms, Height Of.*—Minimum, 8 feet.

Sloping ceilings and "knee walls" will be accepted only under the following conditions: Roof space above flat portion of ceiling to be of ample size and adequately ventilated; spaces between rafters of sloping portion to be adequately ventilated into roof space; bedroom to have greater window area and better cross ventilation than the minimum permissible for a standard flat-ceiling room; bedroom to have a minimum height of 8 feet over an area of at least 40 square feet with a minimum flat-ceiling width of $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and a clear height of not less than 6 feet over an area of at least 80 square feet with a minimum width of 7 feet.

8. *Rooms in Attic.*—As a rule, in $2\frac{1}{2}$ -story houses, only one bedroom to be provided in the attic.

9. *Rooms, Number and Use Of.*—In types 1 and 2: For higher-paid workers, five-room type preferred, with parlor, large kitchen, 3 bedrooms, and bathroom. Dining room and kitchenette may be provided in place of the large kitchen. Four-room type to be provided sparingly for higher-paid workers. Six-room type, with 4 bedrooms, or 3 bedrooms and parlor convertible into fourth bedroom, suited for abnormally large families only, and should be provided sparingly. Six-room type should normally have parlor, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, and bathroom.

For lower-paid workers, four-room type desirable, with parlor, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, and bathroom.

Any house having more than seven rooms to be treated as type 3.

In type 3, in addition to family quarters indicated above, single rooms for lodgers to be provided. In addition to the family water-closet accommodations, a water-closet compartment containing lavatory to be provided for the sole use of the lodgers. Lodgers to have access to their bedrooms and to the water-closet compartment without going thru rooms designed for use of family.

10. *Rooms, Size of.*—One large bedroom to be provided, size 10 by 12 to 12 by 14 feet.

Small bedrooms, minimum area, 80 square feet; minimum width, 7 feet.

Parlor, 10 by 12 to 12 by 14 feet.

Dining room, 9 by 12 to 12 by 14 feet.

Kitchen (where there is no separate dining room), 10 by 12 to 12 by 14 feet.

Kitchenette (only where there is a separate dining room), minimum width, 6 feet; minimum area, 70 square feet.

III. Special Provisions for Types 4 and 5

Type 4. Lodging house for men.

Type 5. Hotel for men.

In addition to complying with all general provisions, types 4 and 5 must comply with the following special provisions:

1. *Arrangement.*—Provision to be made for 75 men or more. Height limited to 4 stories, except in large cities.

2. *Cellar.*—Minimum height, 7 feet; to be well lighted, cross ventilated, dry, and paved or cemented. Cellar not essential under whole building. Where omitted, building to be set up on masonry piers or walls 2 feet clear from ground; space to be drained, inclosed, and ventilated.

3. *Fire Protection.*—If over 4 stories high, to be fireproof thruout. If over 3 stories high, first-floor construction to be fireproof.

If of 2 stories high, a non-fireproof building the area of which exceeds approximately 3,000 square feet to be divided by fire walls of brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete into areas not exceeding approximately 3,000 square feet each. All open-

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Emergency Fleet Housing in Philadelphia

3,000 HOMES FOR THE HOG ISLAND SHIP BUILDERS OF PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION, 2-STORY ROW TYPE

By Richard Shepherd

Building Estimator on this Project

THE project of building a city of homes covering a tract of 250 acres for the workers at the Hog Island Shipyard of the Emergency Fleet Corporation is the largest of the kind yet attempted by the Federal government.

The shipyard itself, which will have fifty shipways when completed, is of a very permanent character, and it is very gratifying to know that the houses which the government has decided to build will be of like character.

The plans now in the hands of the builders provide for two thousand houses to be erected in the Fortieth Ward of the City of Philadelphia. They call for two-story dwellings, built in rows. Each house will have a frontage of sixteen or 18 feet, and will be built on a lot ninety feet in depth, with ample space for gardens, wash-lines and play-grounds.

The entire project is expected to include about 3,000 homes when completed, giving the section a population of approximately 15,000.

The assumed cost of the homes is \$3,000 each, entailing an expenditure of \$6,000,000, exclusive of the cost of building streets, sewers and water mains, which work is to be done by the city.

The city engineers have estimated that their portion of the work will cost about \$400,000.

It will be necessary to provide a temporary pumping station for the drainage system until a large permanent station in connection with proposed disposal beds is built. More than 12,000 yards of grading will be necessary in connection with the work. Fifteen miles of sewers are to be constructed.

Fire and police stations will also be added by the Department of Safety.

The streets provided by the city will be of asphalt on a concrete base. They will be from 60 to 120 feet in width with four avenues of the latter width.

The improvements will include a double track trolley line along one of the avenues leading direct to the shipyard.

The engineering problems involved, due to the fact that the land is low, caused the engineers to adhere to the "gridiron" plan in laying out streets, in place of a system of curved streets which had been contemplated.

Owen Brainard is the Consulting Engineer connected with the Housing Division of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, and Carrere & Hastings are the architects.



TYPICAL ELEVATION OF PITCHED ROOF HOUSE

Part of Two-Story Philadelphia Row, Each Unit Having a Frontage of 16 or 18 Feet and Containing Four or Five Rooms and Bath; Building Cost about \$3,000 Each.

They were employed by the British Government on a similar project.

The plans provide for a house not unlike thousands of Philadelphia houses of the "air-light" type, but they differ from the usual Philadelphia house in three main exterior features.

Each row will contain several styles, diversified in regard to the design and finish of the fronts, the plan of the porches and the approaches.

The porches do not extend across the entire front and cellars do not extend under porches, as is customary in probably 99 per cent of the newer Philadelphia "row-houses," and they omit the typical second-story galvanized bay.

The advantage of the more private approach is weighed against the lost porch space. The room space lost by the omission of the bay is compensated by a lowered cost of construction and upkeep in regard to painting, repairing and heating.

The first floor, as will be noted in the illustration, contains a living room and a combination dining room and kitchen. An alternate plan provides separate dining rooms and kitchens.

The second floor provides for either two or three bedrooms and a bathroom equipped with all conveniences.

The plans provide for both pitched and flat roofs. The space under pitched roofs is not designed for living quarters.

The basements have direct access from the rear yard by cement steps. The plan is so arranged that

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Financial Side of Company Housing

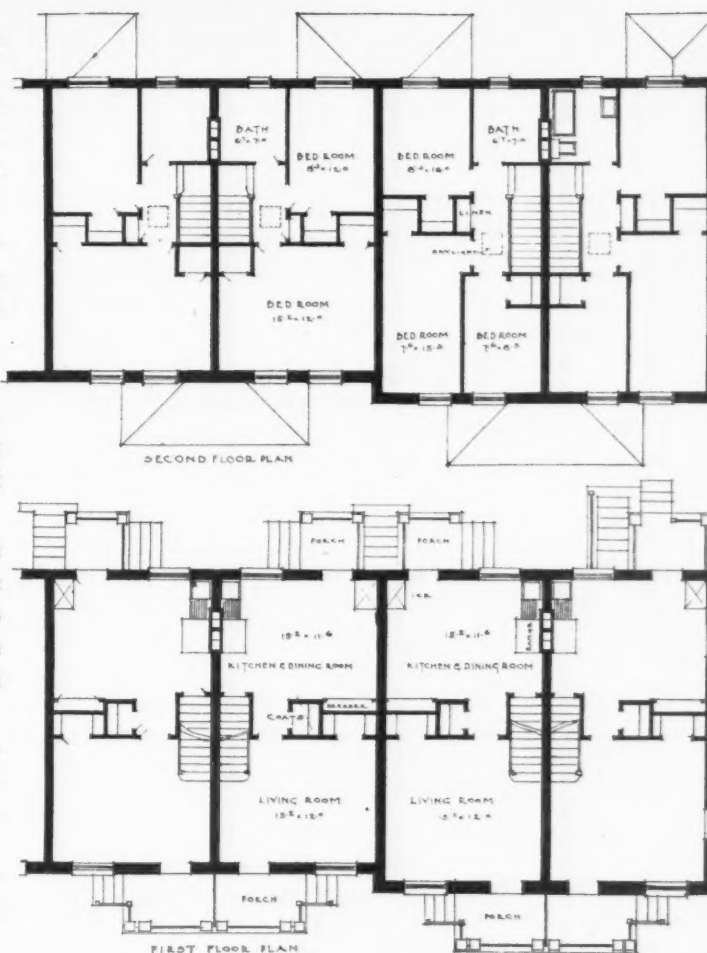
Proctor, Minn.

AMERICAN BUILDER Housing Committee:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, asking for certain information in regard to houses for employes, I think perhaps sending you one of our contracts that we use in selling houses to employes, would give you better information than I can write out.

For a four-room cottage with water, but no bath and other improvements, we get \$10; for a six-room house with bath, sewerage, etc., we get \$18, and for a six and seven-room house, but larger rooms and a larger building consequently, \$25, the houses respectively approximating \$1,000 to \$1,200, \$1,900 to \$2,200, and \$3,000, the unpaid amounts bearing 5 per cent interest. The employe can turn back his house if he has been dismissed or in the case of a widow who has lost her husband while in the employ, during the time the payments are still due. We decide what the rent should be, which we would collect in a case of this kind, and remit to the purchaser the balance paid in, excepting interest.

The payments are a little larger than the rent would be. For instance, on the \$10 rent we would not raise the payments much; on the \$18 house we would require a payment of \$25, and on the \$25 house a payment of about \$30 to \$35 per month. On the small houses again, the first payment would be about \$50, or as much more as the employe would pay with the idea of cutting down the interest; on



Typical Floor Plans for Philadelphia Housing.

the next size house, \$150 to \$200 down, and on the third house described, at least \$250 to \$300 down.

The contract is a very liberal one, but it must be remembered that we are dealing with employes and want to do all we can for them. We realize that a real estate agent or an owner of property renting his property could not afford to do this.

As to the best renting and selling houses I would say that our five and six-room houses sell more readily than a four-room house. I would also say that I would not be in favor of grouping, but give each employe a separate house with at least a 50-foot by 140 or 150 lot, and encourage gardening, raising of flowers, lawns, etc. Flats, under these circumstances, I would not recommend at all. I would also recommend that to encourage gardening, flowers and lawns, an annual premium be paid for the best lawn, best garden of vegetables and the best flower garden. We are going to start in on this latter project this spring. Some of our constituent companies have been at it for several years and take pictures of such places and send them to the different constituent companies' offices so as to encourage that kind of work among the employes.

The small houses have not been furnished with heating plants; in fact, some of the five-room houses were not equipped originally with heating plants, but were put in later. From my experience I would recommend anything above a four-room house be supplied with bath, furnace heat, a concrete or stone cellar, sewer, and bath fixtures. Our experience is that a house of this kind will sell more quickly, even tho it cost \$500 or \$600 more, than the same kind of house not so fitted up.

If I can be of any further service to you, advise me.

J. W. KREITZER,

Superintendent, Duluth, Missabe & Northern Railway Co.



Our Plain Line Two-Story House. Size 22 by 26 feet. The shingle siding in wide and narrow widths gives this design a classy look.

Types of Utility Homes

Combinations of shingles and siding are almost infinite. The effective use of these two coverings is shown to excellent advantage in the design above. The alternating wide and narrow courses impart a touch of the unusual that makes for distinction.

Another architectural feature of this design, one that in every way is pleasing, is supplied by the porch roof lines which are unusually good.

This is a full two-story house, insuring adequate means for ventilating the sleeping apartments on the second floor.

Arrangement of the first floor plan is well thought out. The entrance at the end or side of the living room insures a degree of privacy for the unexpected caller who finds the room full of unknown company. The passageway to the kitchen is a convenience that will save the housekeeper many weary steps.

These are features of use and sale value of a home which always should be taken into account by the builder.

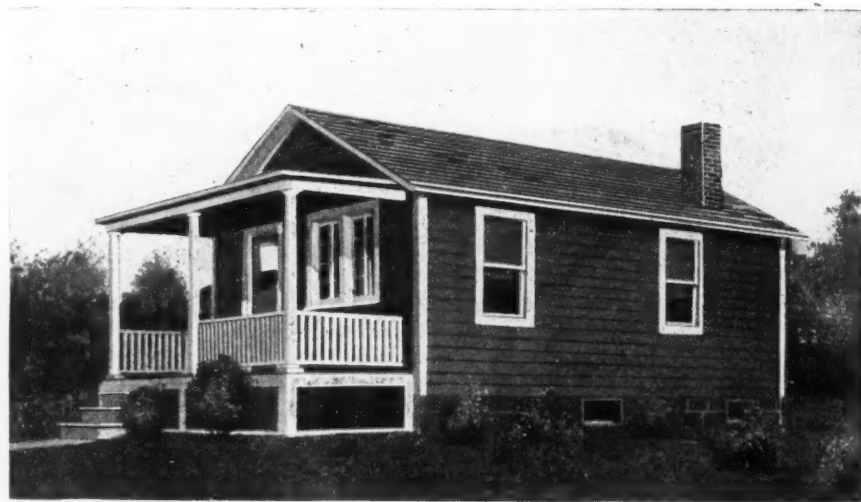
The small cottage shown at the bottom of this page is of that type for which there usually is an excess demand. It makes a convenient and comfortable home for a small family and, contrary to the usual order of buildings of this class, this one has an inviting appearance, which the perspective view shows to very good advantage.

The accompanying floor plan tells all it is necessary to tell about the arrangement of the interior.

These are typically American types of workingmen's homes and the occupants



Floor Plan Comfort Cottage. Size 18 by 22 feet.

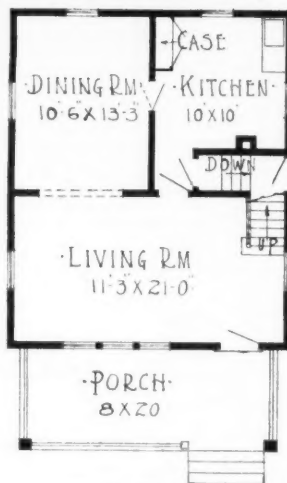


Comfort Cottage. Size 18 by 22 feet. Three rooms only are in this house. Anyone can afford to build it.

of homes of this order form the backbone and sinew of the nation. That is the one big reason why we are interested in seeing more of them built. It has been our experience that the owner of a home of this type later will own and occupy a more pretentious residence.

Even such simple little dwellings as these are, can be planned for convenience and the economical use of stock lengths of lumber. It costs less and gets a better job to plan everything in advance.

Labor organizations are investigating conditions under which their members live and noting how manufacturers of various cities provide for their employes, and it is time that every city made every provision possible to show various classes of labor that their interests have been carefully considered and provided for, otherwise they will not come.



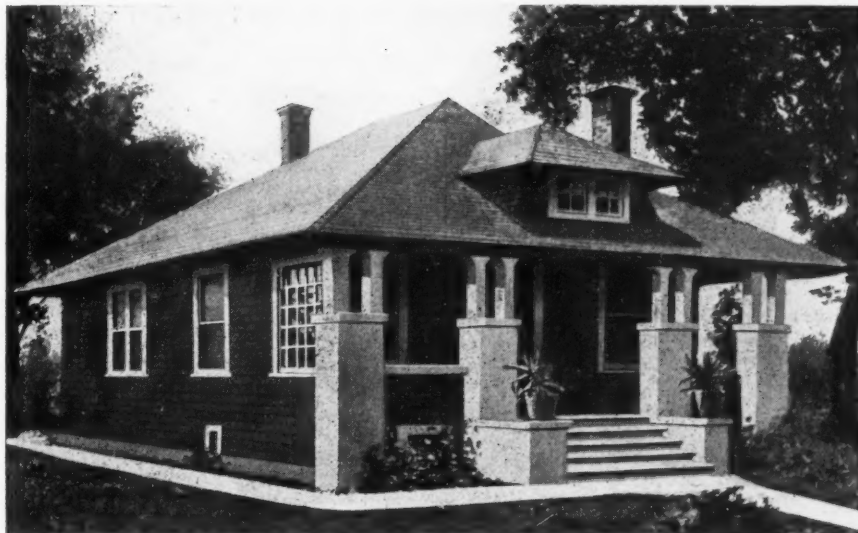
First Floor Plan.



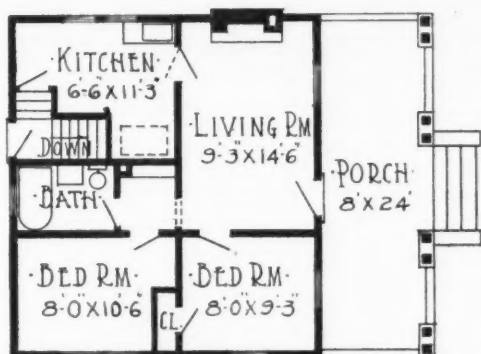
Second Floor Plan.

Arrangement of Plain Line Two-Story House Above. Size 22 by 26 feet.

In the present emergency when so many cities and towns find themselves short of dwelling houses—workmen sleeping in tents and shacks—the prompt construction of a few hundred of these neat little houses will save the day.



Cottage with Distinctive Porch. Size 22 by 24 feet. This is a modern type four-room bungalow.



Main Floor Plan of Cottage Above. Size 22 by 24 feet.

Combining Beauty and Use

The wise builder is not unmindful of the value of appearance in any structure. The value of any building is governed largely by its desirability and a building is desirable because it is beautiful or useful. It should be both.

For the sake of brevity we have called the design above the cottage with distinctive porch, but it is more than that. The short wooden columns, arranged in pairs on the tops of the pillars is an idea that possibly had its origin in Moorish architectural circles. In this instance the effect is wonderfully pleasing.

The roof lines on this home are simple and employed to excellent advantage. The combination of materials, concrete pillars, steps and rail caps is in excellent taste.

The Open Porch Cottage

The architectural scheme of the design at the bottom of the page is radically different. Here we find siding and shingles used and with them the effective employment of exposed rafters, with a like suggestion given in the treatment of the gables of both porch and main roof. These are concessions to the ornamental that are inexpensive, in good

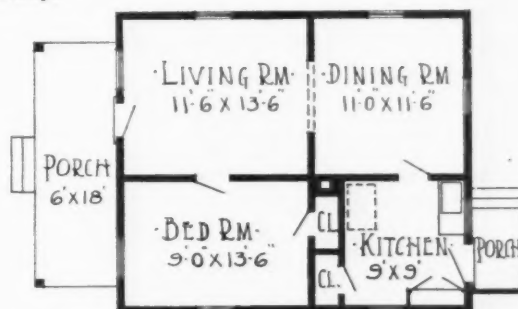
taste and of permanent value. The extra cost, if any, is moderate.

These homes require little, if any, material that cannot be furnished from stocks on hand in any lumber yard, and we urge again the construction of buildings in which stock goods can be used. It is the wisest of wise economy.

Floor plans are given so you may make a tour of both residences. Perhaps the arrangement will not suit you exactly. Changes can be made with no delay, very little trouble, and in all probability without expense.

Every builder assumes an obligation when he begins the construction of a home or any other structure. It is an obligation to add something to the value of the property in the neighborhood in which his structure is reared.

It costs no more to build an attractive home than those which violate every principle of good architecture. Frequently it costs much less, but the structure permanently is worth much more. Bear that idea in mind when working out your plans. We shall be glad to aid you. When building a quantity of small houses in a neighborhood it is extra important to have them attractively designed and to use a variety of styles to avoid monotony.



Main Floor Plan of Cottage Below. Size 22 by 26 feet.

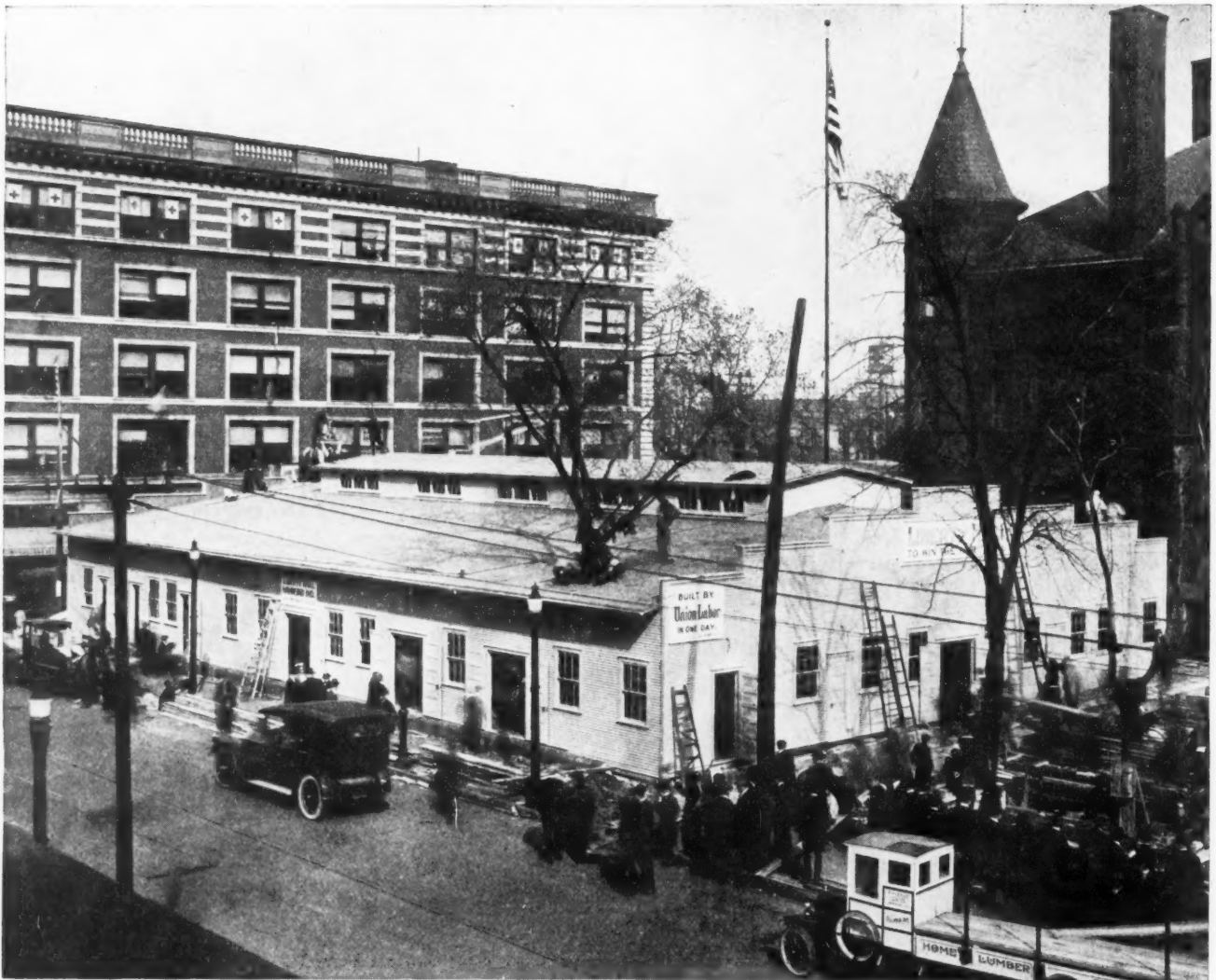


Open Porch Type of Cottage. Size 22 by 26 feet. Four rooms are contained in this little home.

Hammond's Liberty Hall Built in a Day

EMERGENCY OFFICE BUILDING AND AUDITORIUM TO HOUSE ALL WAR ACTIVITIES PUT UP IN RECORD TIME

By Fred Telford

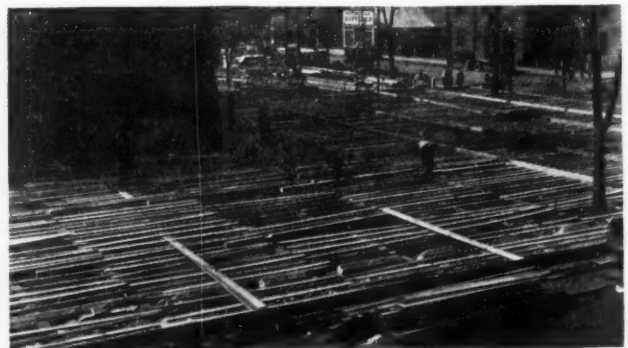


The Building at 3 p.m. Roofmen Doing the "Fine Work" Around the One Tree Left Standing, Liberty Bell in Place at the Left, Permanent Signs Up. Inside the Carpenters and Wiremen Were Working Like Beavers; at This Stage the Partitions Were Nearly All In.

WHEN a building 140 by 104 feet, containing more than 10,000 square feet of floor space, is constructed entirely in one day, no Sherlock Holmes is needed to deduce that some thorough planning was done. And when that building is a Liberty Hall, built particularly and entirely for war purposes, even Dr. Watson cannot fail to see that pro-Germans and pacifists had better not show their heads. Hammond, Ind., with a population of 30,000 to 40,000, did the planning and building, and ever since the kaiser-lovers have been conspicuous by their absence.

Saturday, March 30, was the day selected for putting up the building. At seven o'clock the starting gun was fired, and 250 workers got busy. The ground was bare, the lumber of the stock lengths, and only a little preparatory sawing up of the parts had been done; the lumber, to be sure, was neatly piled in convenient places, with each pile labeled so the work-

men would not be delayed. Long before sundown of the same day the building was completed, with its offices, its wiring, its big auditorium with 1,800 seats sawed out and put together on the grounds. And to prove beyond doubt that everything was shipshape, the carpenters and laborers held their dance in the build-



The Job at 7:30 a.m. The Result of the First Half Hour of Work.

ing, beginning at seven o'clock, just twelve hours after building operations began.

The photographs tell better than words the progress of the building, tho they cannot very well tell how the work was carried out. As a matter of fact, the feat was comparatively simple. Organization, as might be supposed, was the keynote. The workers who reported at work at seven were organized into twenty-five units, each with a foreman, six carpenters, and three laborers to carry lumber and clean up. No attempt was made to instruct the individual men in the gang as to their duties, but each foreman had definite, unmistakable directions. One unit, for instance, put



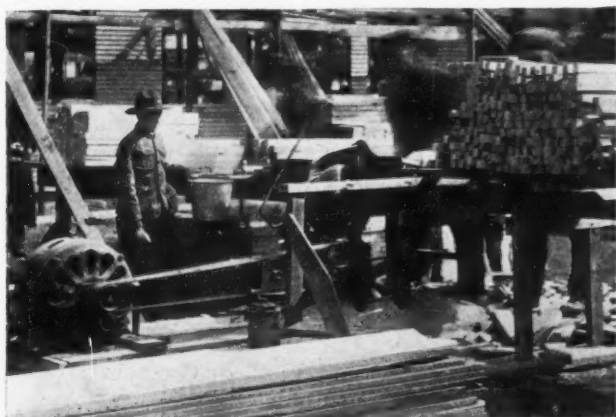
"Close Up" of the Manner in Which the "Fine Work" on the Doors and Windows Was Done in the Workyard so as not to Clutter up the Work of Construction. Gangs of Men Were Put at This Work at Seven, and by Ten had the Doors and Windows in Their Frames so that Each Unit Could be Carried to the Building and Quickly Nailed in Place.

The organization in the workyard was as thoro and interesting as the actual construction work. Gangs of men were set at work putting the doors and windows in the frames, all the "fine work" being done here; even the double doors were put into their frames, planed down so as to fit closely, and otherwise shaped up. Each unit, whether door or window, was then carried to its proper place, and nailing it into position was a matter of minutes only.

One of the difficult jobs was making the 1,800 seats for the auditorium. Just as soon as the other sawing was out of the way, the portable electric cutter was set to work sawing out the parts, and as soon as a considerable number of parts were accumulated, gangs of men began putting them together. Of necessity this job lasted well into the afternoon.

From the very first, the workers ran ahead of the schedule made out by the organizers. At noon, a full hour had been gained, and the same rate of progress

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The Portable Electric Cutter in the Workyard Sawing up the Parts for the 1800 Chairs for the Auditorium so That They Could be Nailed Together Without Handwork.

down a certain part of the foundation, a second another part, and so on. When the job was completed, the unit was straightway assigned to another specific piece of work. In this way there was no confusion, no uncertainty, no working at cross purposes at any time during the day. The "boss" on the construction work watched operations, assigned work, and if a unit fell behind, shifted men or other units to help out. Needless to say, he was a busy man all day long.

Another feature that expedited and simplified matters was the unit construction. Each "bent" was in effect a unit so that definite work could be easily assigned to each gang, whether it was putting up studding, nailing on siding, or putting down flooring or sheeting. Some of the gangs, of course, had nothing to do for a few minutes, but very soon all were busy.



At 10 a.m. Flooring Nearly All Down, Sheeting Mostly on, a Good Start on the Siding. The Gap at the Left Was Strictly According to Schedule. The Men Working on the "L" Began at the Other End and Worked Toward the Main Section in Order to Make it Easier to Fit the Truss Where the Parts Join. Thruout the Day This Was the "Slow" Point.

AMERICAN BUILDER BUILDING PLANS



Complete Blue Prints for Metal Lath Industrial Housing Design

FOUR FULL PAGE PLATES GIVE FULL AND ACCURATE DIRECTIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS DWELLING—FOUR DIFFERENT EXTERIORS PRESENTED TO FIT STANDARD FLOOR PLANS.

THE AMERICAN BUILDER Blueprint Supplement has been voted the finest thing we have ever presented. "The building magazine with the red cover and the blueprints" is winning new friends every day because it is giving the building industry the practical features that are really wanted.

The present design is especially timely in that it can be used for industrial housing projects, and at the same time makes an individual home which any man can be proud of. The floor plans show a standard seven-room arrangement, and four different styles of exterior are presented to go with this standard floor plan. This is an idea that works very successfully in real estate building or wherever homes are put up in quantities. The standard floor plan holds down the cost, and the variety of exterior design avoids monotony.

This is a fire-resistive dwelling, being constructed of cement plaster on metal lath. Wood studs are used, but tests and experience have proven stud walls to be highly fire resistive when cement plastered on both sides over metal lath. Alternate construction details on the last sheet show the use of metal studs and joists and solid plaster partitions.

The Associated Metal Lath Manufacturers recommend that sheathing boards be omitted entirely, the metal lath to be nailed directly to the studding, and thoroly back plastered so that the lath is completely embedded. The necessary stiffness is given the exterior walls by nailing in 2 by 3-inch braces between the studs.

The specifications of the metal lath manufacturers should be followed closely if a perfectly satisfactory job is to be had.

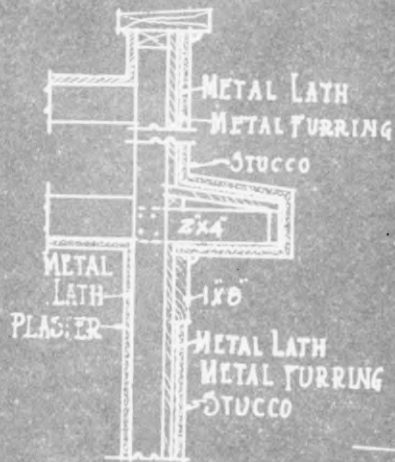
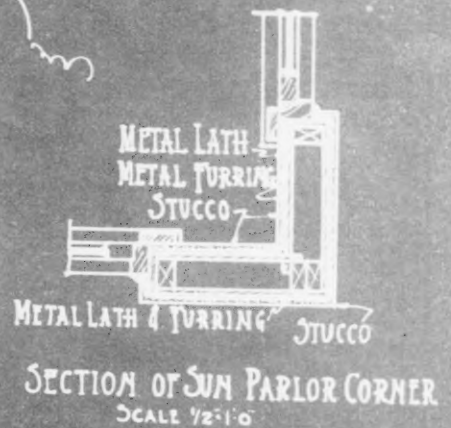


Fire-Resistive Metal Lath Cement Plaster House of Seven Rooms. Complete Working Plans for this Dwelling Are Presented on the Four Blueprint Pages Following.

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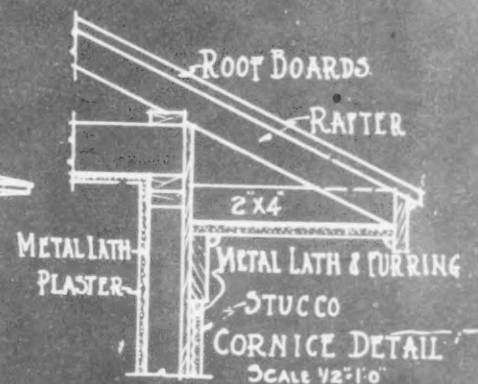
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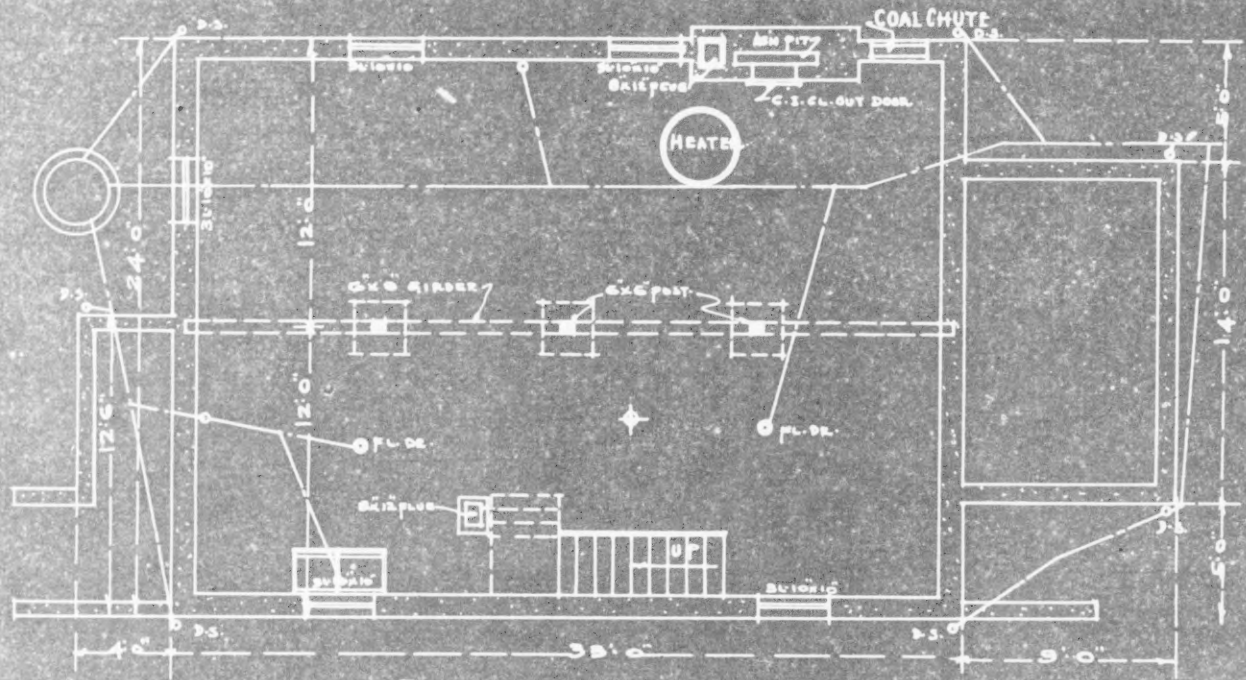
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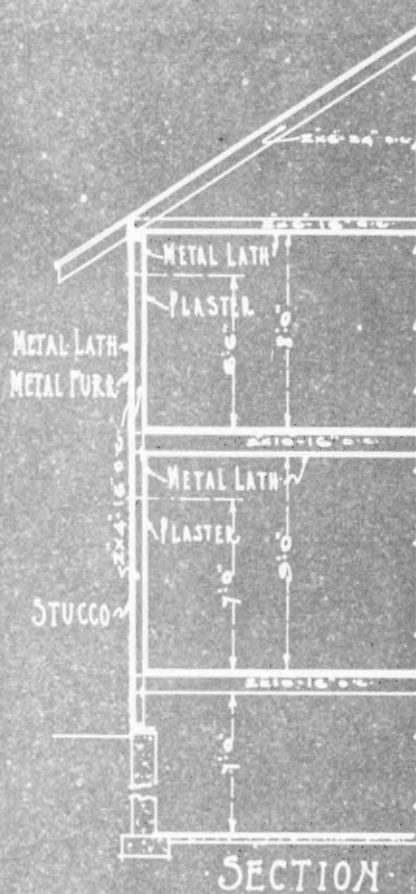
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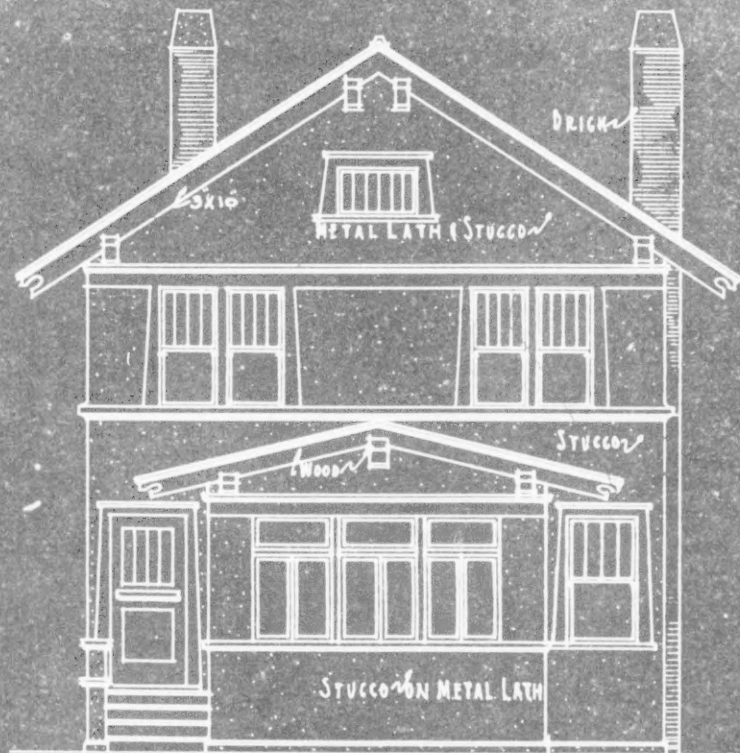
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BASEMENT PLAN
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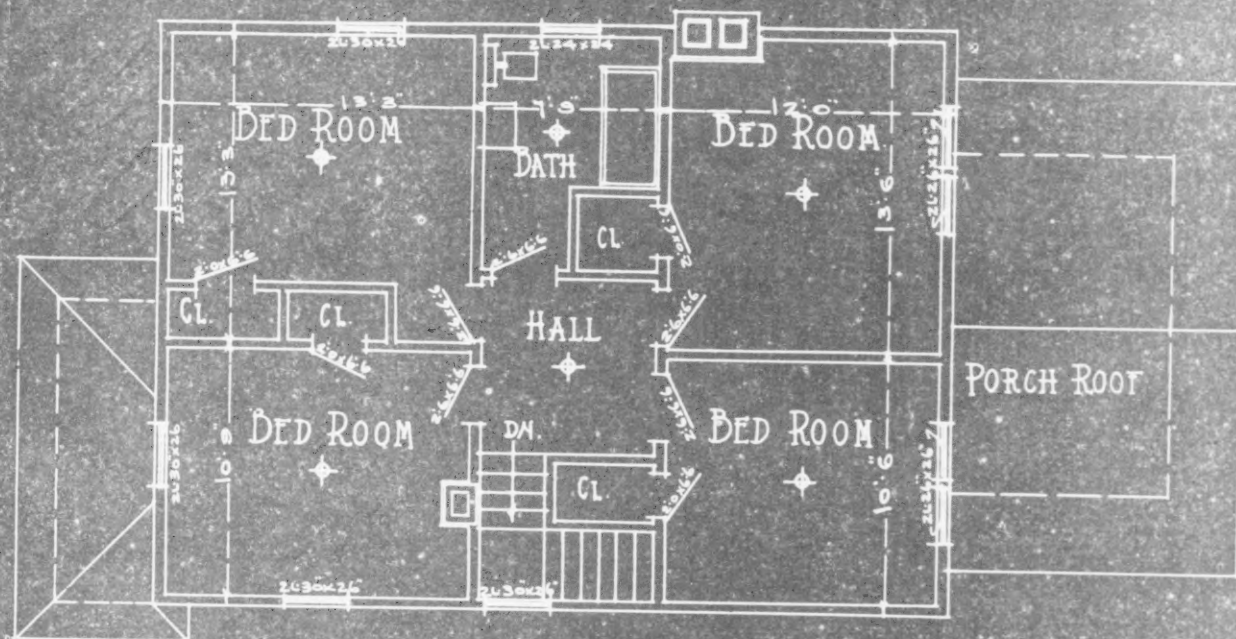
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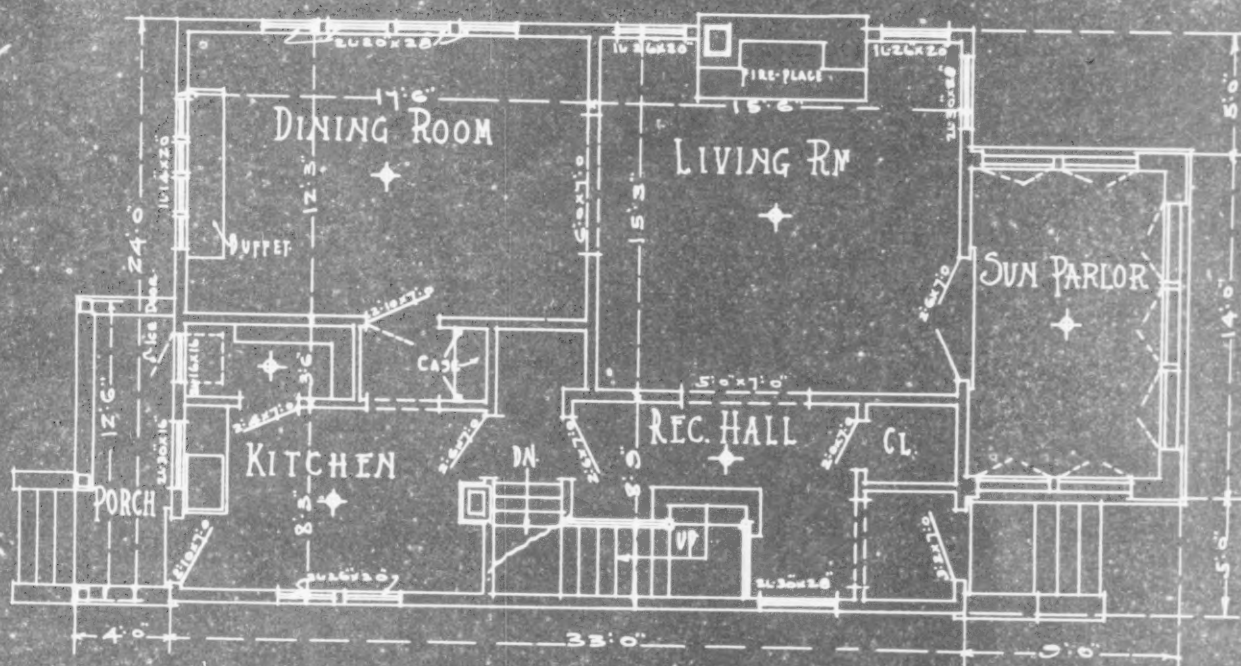
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN
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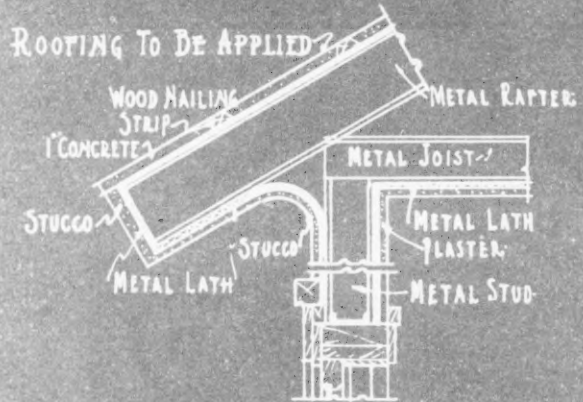


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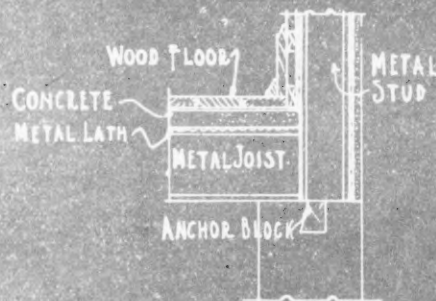
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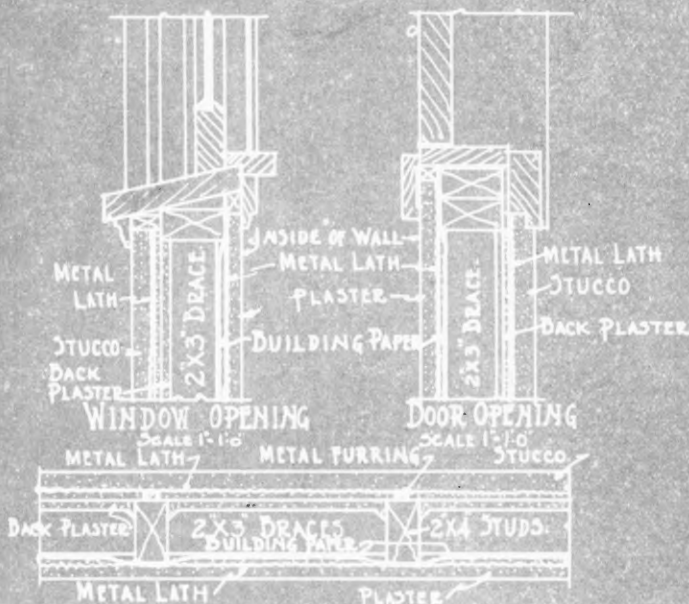
FLOOR & WALL CONSTRUCTION USING METAL STUDS, LATH, & FLOOR BEAMS



SECTION OF STUCCO CORNICE
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SECTION THRU WALL USING METAL STUDS, JOISTS, & METAL LATH



EXTERIOR WALL USING NO SHEATHING
THIS TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION IS RECOMMENDED BY THE ASSOCIATED METAL LATH MANUFACTURERS

5" HOLLOW PLASTER PARTITION USING METAL STUDS. THIS TYPE OF PARTITION HAS 3" AIR SPACE.



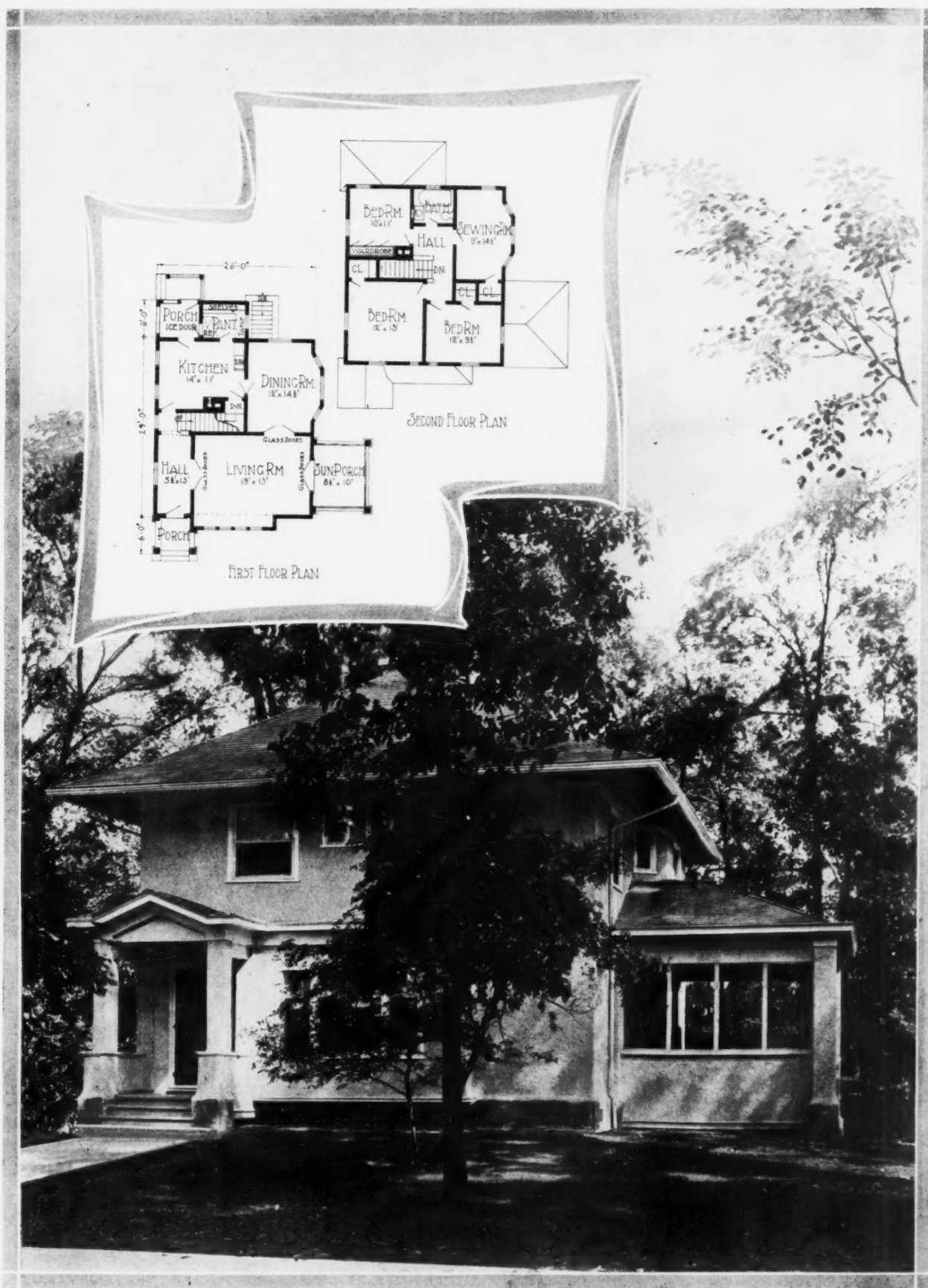
2" SOLID PLASTER PARTITION USING METAL STUDS.



2" SOLID PLASTER PARTITION ON HEAVY SELF-SUPPORTING RIBBED LATH.
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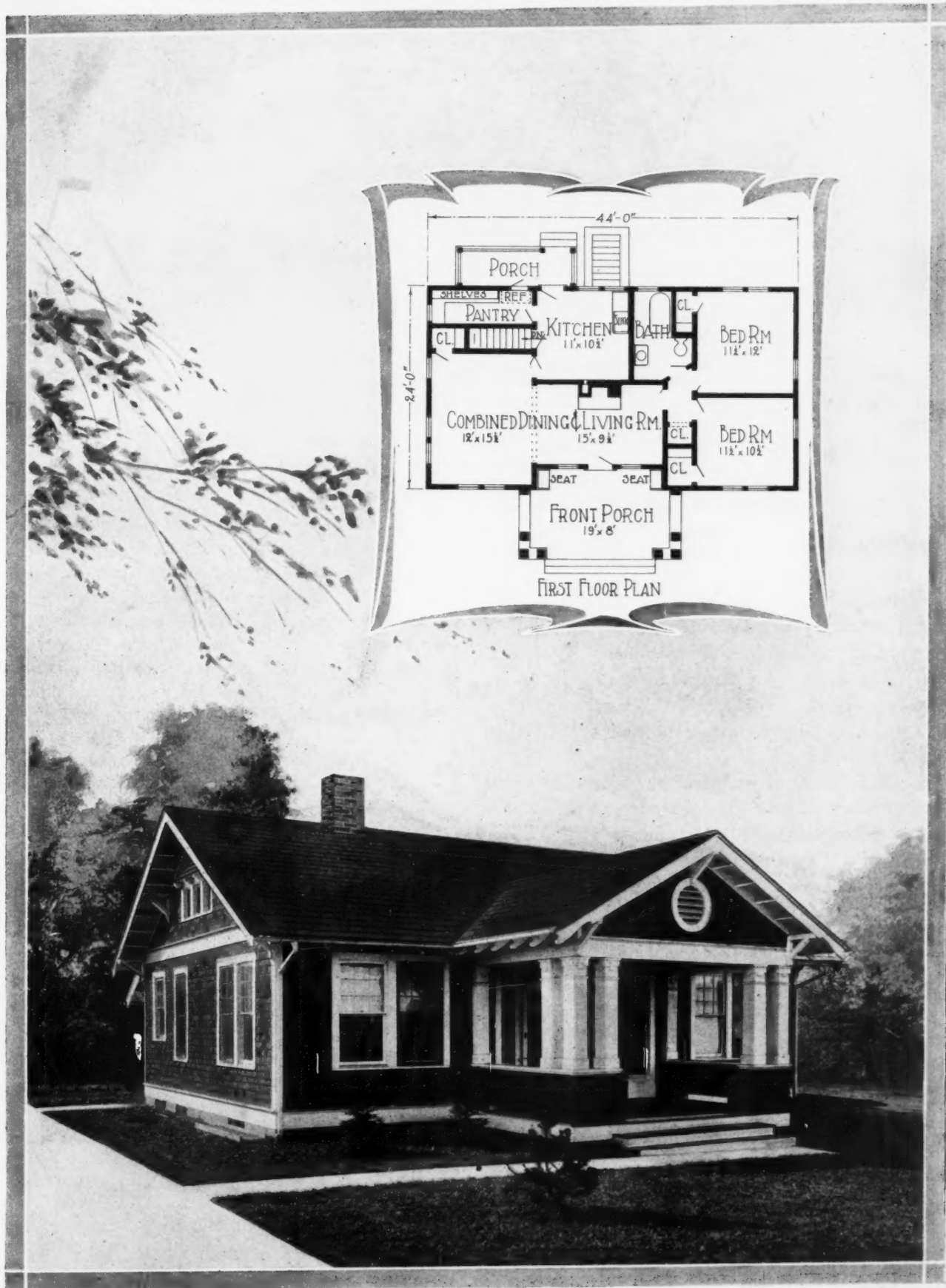
FIRE-RESISTIVE HOME FOR QUANTITY BUILDING. SHEET No. 4



A PRACTICAL STUCCO RESIDENCE at Kenilworth, Ill., containing seven rooms, sun porch, pantry and bath. Size of main part is 26 by 29 feet; side porch projects 9 feet and the back porch pantry addition 6 feet. Covered with a hip roof and wide eaves this house is a typical example of good, modern architecture



Sun-parlor Dining Porch of a Modern Farmhouse in Tippecanoe County, Indiana. Here is the comfort which the hard working farmer and the farmer's wife so richly deserve.



AN EASTERN BUNGALOW erected at East Liverpool, Ohio, Cassius M. Metsch, architect. While keeping the typical bungalow lines, this building is more snug and compact than its western cousin. The contrasty effect of dark stained shingles and white trim is striking. The floor plan works out in a most interesting way.

History and Air Brush Painting

"SHOOT IT!" EXPLODES THE GET-THERE PAINTING CONTRACTOR—AND A NEW INDUSTRY IS BORN



The Growth of This Industry as Forecasted by the Editor of the American Builder.

WHEN the Chinese saw the work of the sewing machine for the first time they said it was the devil's work. Don't smile at this, because many of our own people for years declared it wasn't practical when Elias Howe, in 1846, brought out the first successful sewing machine.

With the present-day demand on the needle, where would we be with the old hand-work plan?

Who would go back before the time of Eli Whitney's cotton gin?

In 1833 the advertisement of the reaper by Cyrus McCormick was a complete failure from a sales standpoint, because people had no confidence in it. Today 103 distributing centers are maintained in North America and tens of thousands find employment because the reaper is essential.

All of us remember the riots caused by the introduction of the spinning jenny. Civilization could not

be clothed today if it were not for its nimble steel fingers, and everyone in the industry is benefited.

Mergenthaler was refused the support of the union to which he belonged and to which he offered the Linotype that he invented. The earnings of the typesetter in the printing shop is in-

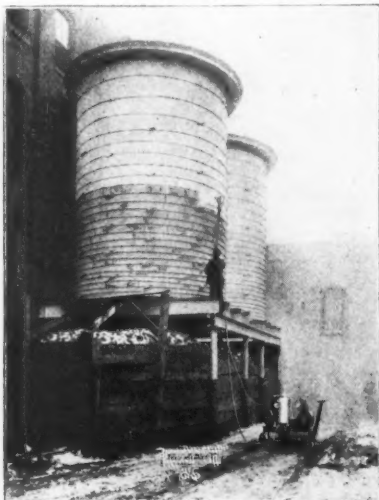
creased, not reduced, because of the Linotype.

It would take too much space to give the history of the use of paint and methods of applying.

Remember the Prediction

Our children and grandchildren will point to the year 1918 on the calendar of time as the date when the use of paint and preservative coatings was multiplied and the method of applying revolutionized by the AIR BRUSH MACHINE.

There will be many doubting Thomases. There will be many who say it can't be a success. There will be some so short-sighted as to waste energy in fighting it.



Most Economical System for Painting Inaccessible Places Easily Reached.



By the Use of This Portable Equipment, Paint Is Forced Thru the Tubing and Sprayed on the Wall by Compressed Air.

Those who do will be in the same position as the buffalo out in Kansas that tried to push one of the first Union Pacific trains off the track.

It is always more profitable to travel with Progress than to oppose her.

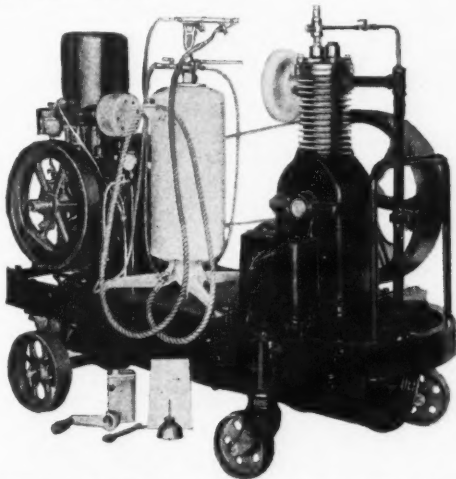
No Experiment

The air brush machine has been successfully used in thousands of factories in the most delicate of work in securing the finest of finish.

The experimental period of the air brush machine has been passed.

Air brush manufacturers have wisely deferred entering the field of interior and exterior house decorating until their product could be offered with full assurance of success.

It is not remarkable that a house can now be painted by air. It is remarkable that with the knowledge which we have had of the working of air this has not been done before.



A Compact Portable Painting Outfit Mounted on Iron Wheeled Truck.

All of us have watched the vacuum sweeper as it swallowed everything in its range. The air brush machine is merely the reversal of the vacuum sweeper.

It is merely nature controlled and guided by the hand of man.

The mere fact that the cost of painting can be reduced from 75 to 90 per cent doesn't mean that any painter need be out of a job, because there will be probably ten times the use of preservatives and beautifiers.

Celluloid Enamels

It is possible that many of our readers are not acquainted with the celluloid enamels. By reason of the fact that these enamels can be applied only by an air spray they are not used except in large plants equipped for



Complete Paint Gun Outfit Which, When Connected to a Suitable Compressed Air Supply by Heavy Tube Leading Off at Left, Will Spray Any Grade of Paint.

turning out the finest of furniture or metal fixtures.

The advent of the air spray will popularize this finish—which, by the way, is a story all its own.

And, moreover, the air spray will be in greater demand as the celluloid enamels grow in popularity.

To paint the farm house, the barn, the silo and the granary meant having a gang of six men to take care of for a week. Today a man and his helper, plus the air brush machine, will do it in two days, and do it better.

It is poor economy to leave unpainted buildings open to the ravages of the weather. There will now be no excuse for such unsightliness.

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This Outfit is Mounted on an Auto Trailer for Quick Service Onto the Job and Home Again.



Decide Early Regarding the Hardware

AND BE PARTICULAR ABOUT WHAT YOU SPECIFY AND USE, FOR THE BUILDERS' HARDWARE IS THE GAUGE OF THE QUALITY OF THE JOB

By W. R. Hill

Manager Builders' Hardware Sales, The Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.

"NEVER put off until tomorrow that which you can do today," seems to be particularly pertinent to builders' hardware.

With the best intentions in the world the average house builder waits until "the last call" before placing the order for hardware for his home. He is so busy attending to the multitudinous details of heating, lighting, papering, furniture, etc., that the item (too often considered of small importance) of hardware is overlooked until it is actually needed.

When serious thought is given to the fact that

on the sill, is it surprising that one criticises "all doors shall be hung on hinges 4 inches high"?

If the specification reads, "good locks," who shall judge what a "good lock" is? Will such a specification obtain locks that will provide adequate security and give good service for twenty years or more? We all know it will not. Yet that is what locks are not only expected to do but should do.

Again, glass knobs are the fashion. They are the style not only in good houses, but in "mahogany finished" flats. A specification that simply calls for glass

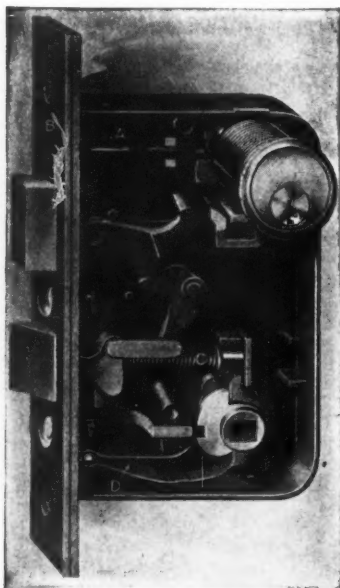
knobs is just as likely to bring knobs with iron shanks "scalped" with sheet brass and with stamped roses. It is obvious which is preferable and more durable.

Like all materials, the most popular articles of hardware are copied and cheapened by those who sell "at a price" to those who look at price only, until it requires care, judgment and

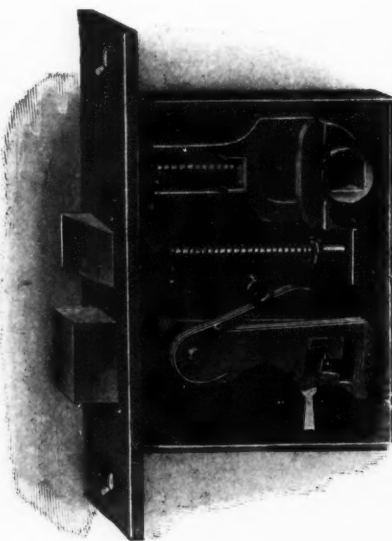
above all selection from a well-known manufacturer to obtain strong, secure and durable hardware.

Another old adage which is true in all materials is "a laborer is worthy of his hire."

That which is cheapest can-



The Interior of a Cylinder Front Door Lock.



The Interior of a Lever Tumbler Suitable for Inside Doors.

correct fastenings for the double hung windows and the casement sash means keeping out not only the sneak thief but the insidious fingers of Mr. Jack Frost or old Mr. North Wind, one wonders at the careless specification "proper window fasts shall be provided."

When one knows that poorly made hinges not only squeak in a manner that will set one's nerves on edge, but will also allow the door in due time to let down



A Colonial Escutcheon and Knob of Unusually Graceful Lines and Simple Mouldings.



A Front Door Handle with Thumb Latch Suitable for Colonial or Craftsman.

A Front Door Handle with Thumb Latch for Use with a Cylinder Front Door Lock with Smoothly Modeled Lines, Forming a Well Harmonized Set.

The Grip of This Cylinder Front Door Set Fits the Hand Very Comfortably. It is a reproduction of a Handle Taken from a Very Old Colonial House.

not always be best, is a good rule to follow in hardware. Hardware differs in many ways from other materials.

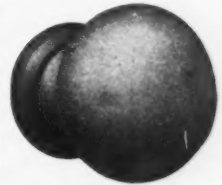
- 1st. The mechanical design of the locks must be right (see illustrations) to insure security, durability and smooth working at all times.
- 2nd. A well-known manufacturer will have shop methods, such as designs, materials, gauges, tools and inspection which produce these, which a cheap manufacturer cannot afford to have. This is true for the same reason that some builders do not care what materials they use as long as they can finish and get paid.
- 3rd. These things cannot be carried out except with long practice, experience and attendant expense, but they repay two-fold in satisfactory service.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the necessity of knowing beyond question that well made locks are furnished. The owner and architect should, at the beginning of the plans, make a careful selection, ascertain the cost and cover it by an allowance clause in

the specification (given at the end of this article).

The selection should be noted by the architect so that reference can be made to it if necessary. Just as a selection of the architect cannot be made by the commission he charges, neither can the selection of hardware be successfully made thru the medium of price. The selection of an architect is made on ability and faith in his knowledge. The selection of the hardware firm to execute the contract for hardware should be made with full knowledge and appreciation of its ability, experience and reputation, as it is impossible for either an architect or owner to judge values in hardware without careful and actual comparison.

American architecture is constantly changing for the better, and the same is true of hardware. Many beautiful forms are obtainable at very reasonable prices from the leading manufacturers' hardware representatives. Some of those made for use in Colonial homes are shown in the illustrations. They are in thoroly good taste and equally obtainable and



The Knob Shown Above is of Heavy Cast Brass and When Applied Conceals the Screws Used in Application. It is a reproduction of the Early Colonial Knobs.

Altho the demand for hardware simulating in proper for medium priced as well as expensive homes, finish pieces that have been in use for a long time has compelled the manufacturer to electro-plate brass, bronze or iron and steel so that is difficult to detect the difference without using a magnet, it is always best to use genuine metal, never an imitation. If the metal is to be brass, see that it is brass; if bronze, then see that it is bronze, not brass or bronze plated or iron or steel. If iron or steel is desired choose designs that are suitable to these metals, and allow the iron or steel to frankly show—do not use an imitation.



The English Use Door Knockers on Their Guest Doors (Possibly to Save Their Knuckles). The Knocker Shown Above Measures 4 inches by 1 11/16 inches over all and is of very graceful lines.

There are many beautiful pieces in wrought iron, which are suitable for certain conditions; for instance, on the old-fashioned Dutch door. A Dutch door can be trimmed with wrought iron hardware attractively and appropriately; and in many other instances also iron is perfectly proper. But bronze or brass plated iron and bronze or brass plated steel are not only imitations, but they are so unsatisfactory in service that they are never worth while purchasing. Like almost everything else and on the same principle that one rotten apple will spoil the whole barrel, just so it is with locks that have iron or steel knobs and escutcheons packed with them. The locks are never worth anything for security and their life is short. Sooner or later the latch bolt refuses to work and



This is a Reproduction of a Very Beautiful Colonial Guest Room Knocker Measuring 2 1/2 by 1 1/2 inches; a Reproduction From a Very Old, Early Colonial House.

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Determining the Capacity of the Storage Battery

The Third of a Series of Three Articles by this Author on Farm Electric Lighting

Note: Sam's embarrassing experience in figuring out the electric lighting equipment for the Judge's new house, as narrated in the March American Builder, has given other builders as well as Sam, the hunch to study into this farm electrical plant proposition. The following article and the one presented last month get right down to the technic of the matter. Study them.—Editor.

THE sizes of the engine and generator will depend upon the current required. The strength of current will in turn depend upon the total candle-power which is in mind and upon the character of the lights. The carbon filament light is going out of general use, the tungsten filament lamp is taking its place. The electrical energy required per candle-power for carbon lamps is 3.50 watts; for tungsten

lamps, 1.25 watts. There is, accordingly, an enormous difference in the economy of operation. Other superiorities claimed are: a whiter and superior light, longer life, longer life at rated candle-power, etc. The first cost is greater, but this disadvantage is swallowed up in the advantages.

With a 32-volt system, the ampere strengths required for tungsten lamps are as follows:

32-Volt Current—Tungsten Lamps		
Candle-power	Watts	Amperes
8	10	0.313
12	15	0.469
16	20	0.625
20	25	0.781

The amperage numbers are obtained by dividing the number of watts by the number of volts, in accordance with the rule that amperes multiplied by volts give watts. Thus, the amperage required for a 12-candle-power lamp is found by dividing 15 by 32.

With the 110-volt system we have similarly:

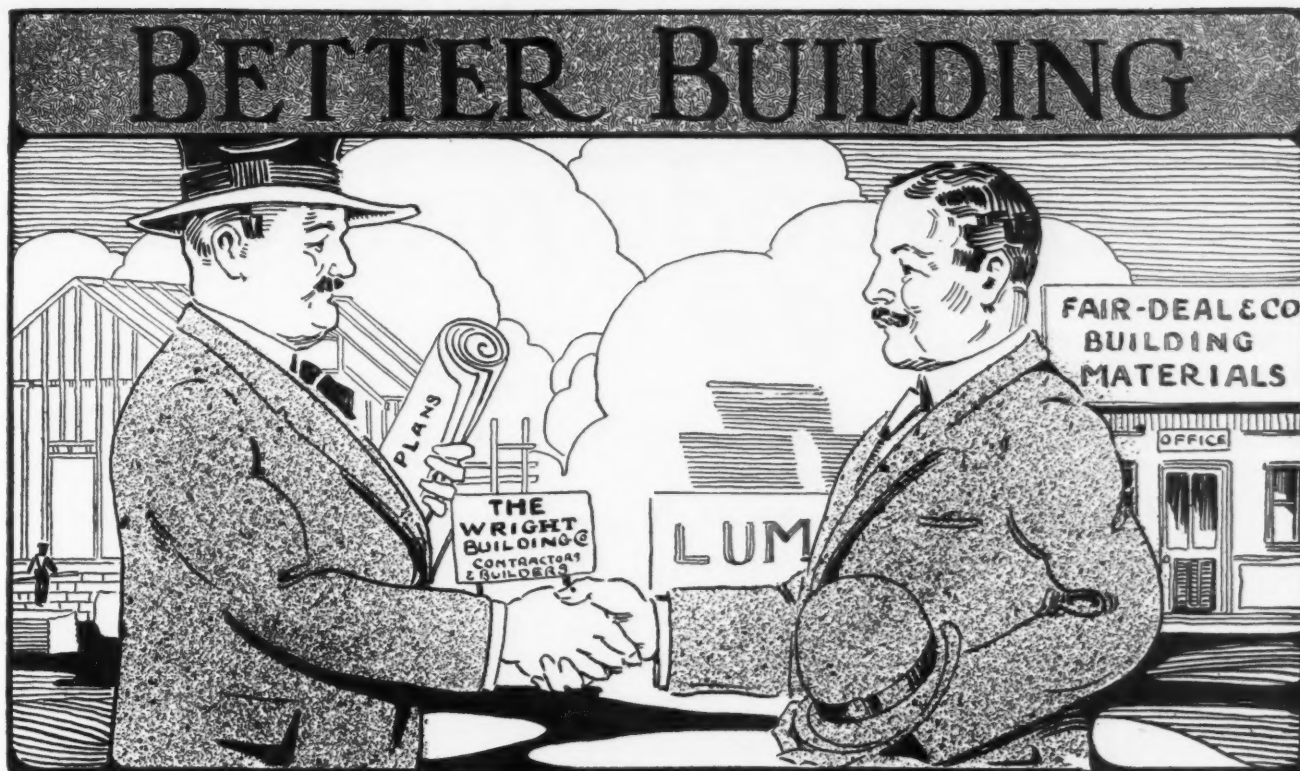
110-Volt Current—Tungsten Lamps		
Candle-power	Watts	Amperes
8	10	0.091
12	15	0.136
16	20	0.181
20	25	0.227
32	40	0.364
40	50	0.455
48	60	0.545
80	100	0.909

Having settled on the *total candle-power* and on the *voltage*, we are prepared to calculate the amperage of the battery. The following example will illustrate how to proceed. Suppose we take the case where we estimate for a mid-winter day that we will use twenty 16-candle-power lamps from 5 to 10 p.m.; two 8-candle-power lamps from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.; and six 16-candle-power lamps from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. It is assumed that all the current for this work will come from the battery without assistance from the generator. The total working time of the battery is from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m.—that is, 15 hours. We must, first of all, select a battery that will certainly take care of the heavy work from 5 to 10 p.m., during which period of 5 hours the

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Comfortable Farm Home Porch in Illinois.



How You Can Sell More Asphalt Shingles

A WORKABLE RE-ROOFING PLAN FOR DEALERS

ON every residence street in your town are houses that need re-roofing. You can re-roof them, and can derive a profit from the materials and labor. All you need is a systematic method of going after the business—and a satisfactory way to handle it—in order to sign it up definitely as yours.

Opportunity for re-roofing is constant. It is limited by the age and number of buildings—by their roof condition. It is not limited by general economic conditions, as new building sometimes is. When a roof wears out a new one has to go on, or the house cannot be lived in.

It will pay you to go after this business energetically. Ally yourself with an experienced roofer who can estimate labor costs and oversee the application. Make him responsible for the quality of work. He may be free for other occupations when not actually engaged in application work. Probably your arrangement will allow him to charge you with a "per square" labor cost, no matter how many men he may hire, or at what figure.

You probably will find it best to set standard figures for the two general classes of re-roofing — (1) directly

over old shingles, and (2) removing old shingles and covering anew. To these standard figures can be added special charges for complicated work. Probably the best way to bid is to submit a lump sum or a "per square" figure for the roof completed.

We reproduce an "Estimate Sheet" that is designed to cover all details of estimating, but its form can be modified to suit your requirements. The amount you set for labor may include a profit for you—or may not—but materials should always be charged to the job at regular selling prices.

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Residence of Maj. F. B. Barrett; Riverside Drive, Red Bank, New Jersey. Covered With 50 Squares Wide Space Asphalt Shingles Laid Over Old Wood Shingles.

Farm Buildings To Aid Food Production



Lightning Protection Now Doubly Important

BUILDERS AND OWNERS SHOULD ACT PROMPTLY TO SAVE ALL BUILDING PROPERTY FROM LIGHTNING

IF there was ever a time when it is to the interest of the farmer to fully protect every building he possesses from the destructiveness of lightning, it is this year.

The high prices of grain, live stock and all other farm products make protection imperative, to say nothing about the patriotic impulse that should prompt us all to preserve from destruction the foodstuffs that are so badly needed by our country and our allies.

Another important reason for protection is that it will cost less this year to protect your property from lightning than it has ever before, if you consider the increase in the value of the building to be protected. True, good lightning protection has increased in cost, but not nearly to the extent that the value of your building has increased, and the loss would be if you were required to suddenly replace them.

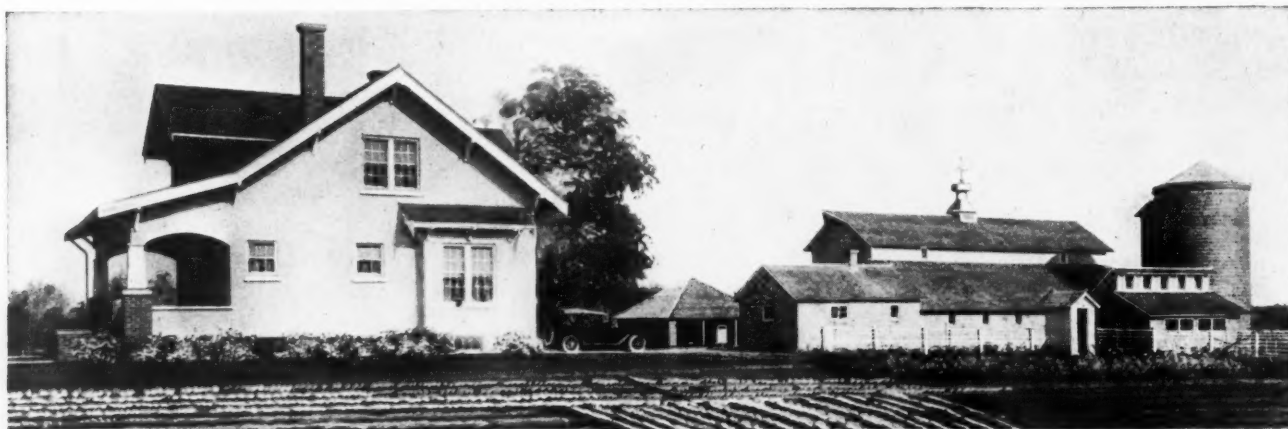
Why Lightning Strikes a Building

As a storm cloud approaches any particular spot on the earth, an attraction sets up between the electricity in the cloud and that in the earth. In simple terms, they tend to "draw" each other. The reason they do not immediately meet is because dry air is a poor

conductor, and the electric force cannot readily pass thru it.

Remember that there is always a great strain between the storm cloud and the earth. The electricity of the cloud is pressing downward; the electricity of the earth is pressing upward. The two forms of electricity are straining against the air between to reach each other. If the air can hold them apart, there will be no stroke, but if they break thru they will meet with a crash and a flash that we call the lightning stroke.

If there is a house just below the cloud, the attraction of the electricity in the cloud, drawing upward on the electricity in the earth, tends to literally "charge" the house with electricity. Therefore, if the electric force should at that moment break thru the air, the building, being directly in line and heavily charged with electricity, would probably be destroyed or damaged by the explosion and set on fire by the heat. In passing thru the building, the electric current would take the shortest and easiest route to the ground, and in the absence of conductors, this might lead down the stove pipe or kitchen water pipe or gas

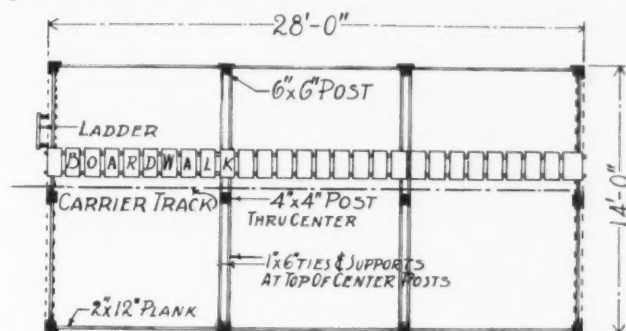


A FIRE-RESISTING FARMSTEAD—Every Building on the place being of Hollow Tile, the farm house stuccoed over, the barns vitrified smooth finish. Farm of Mr. J. B. Schermerhorn, near Mason City, Iowa.

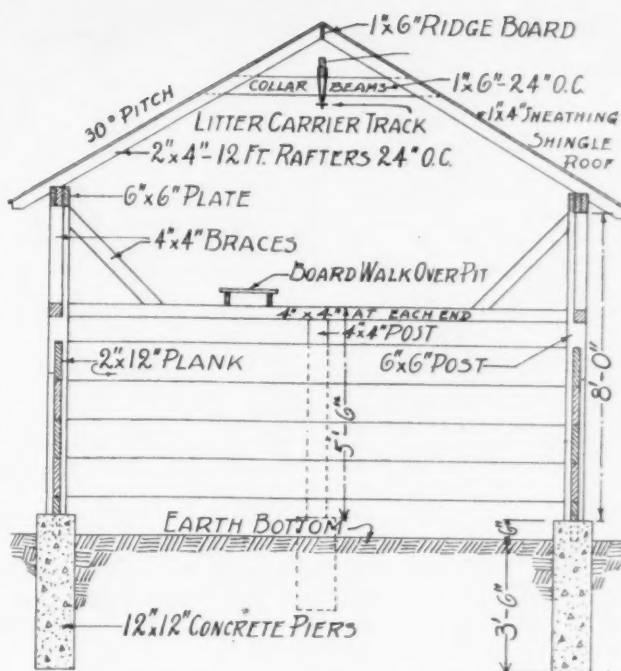
main, and a person standing near any of these routes would probably be killed.

Proper conductors permit the electricity of the earth to pass gradually into the atmosphere above the building as it is attracted by the electricity of the cloud. There is no "bunching up" of electricity in the building.

In this case, the building, not being charged with electricity, will not receive the stroke, or be in the path of the electric current, which will find its route



PLAN OF MANURE PIT



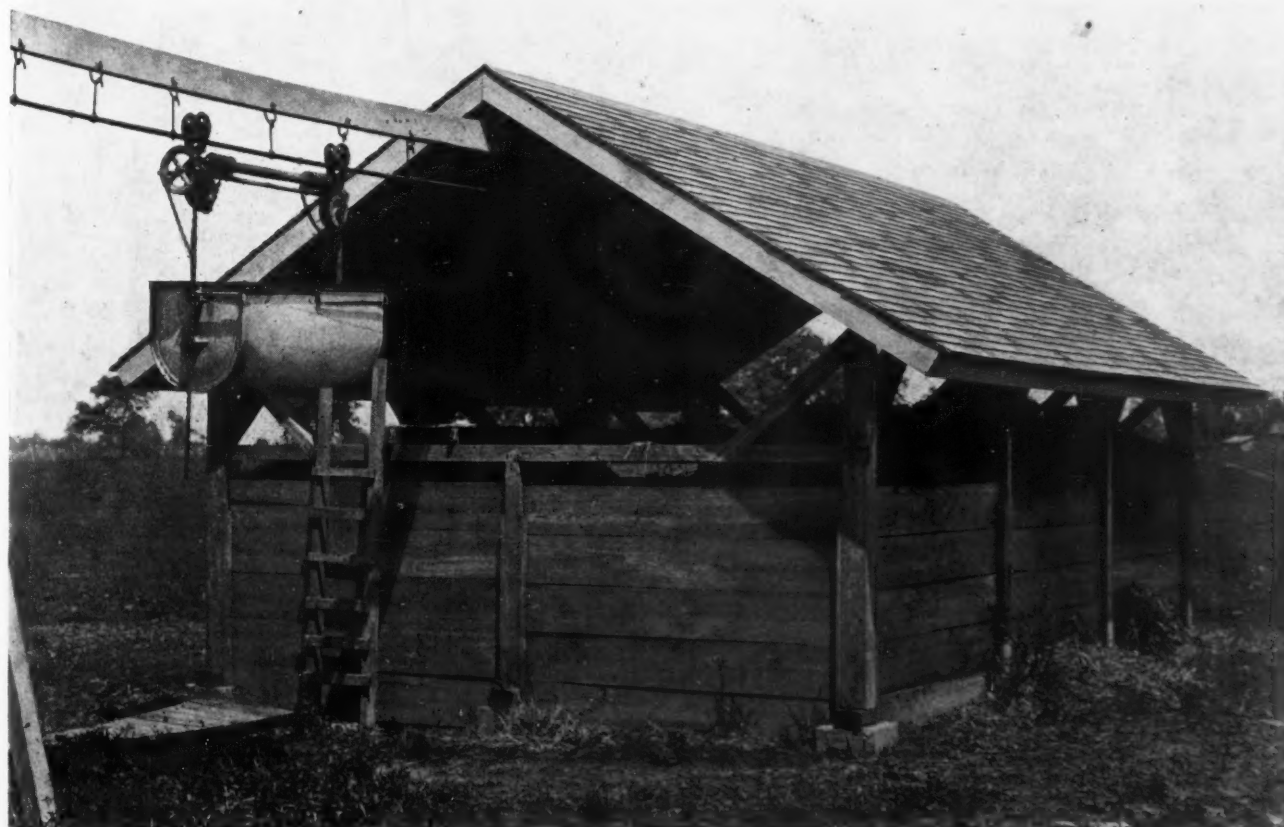
CROSS SECTION OF MANURE PIT

How to Build the Covered Manure Pit Illustrated Below.

thru some nearby electrically charged elevation, or the discharge may merely take place in the air.

All buildings made of wood, stone or brick should always be protected by lightning conductors. These materials are not good conductors of electricity; they

offer resistance to electric transmission. Remember, the lightning stroke always occurs where the electricity has been impeded or obstructed—when it breaks thru, that is the stroke. If you equip your building with proper conductors, and therefore prevent the elec-



COVERED MANURE PIT of Simple Construction and Low Cost. Stable Manure Should Be Protected from the Rain, Otherwise its Most Valuable Fertilizing Components Are Leached Out. Save the Nitrates this Year and Get Them Out Onto the Land Where They Will Help Raise a Bumper Crop.



Equip Every Hay Shed with Horse Fork and Hay Carrier Track to Save Valuable Time and Labor at Haying Season.

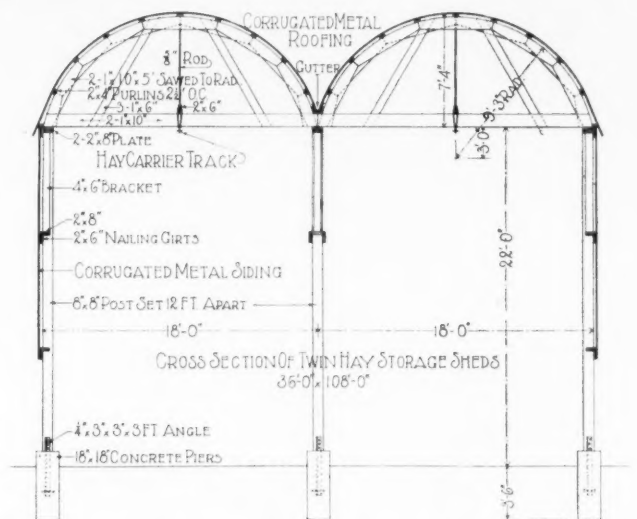
tricity from becoming impeded or obstructed, you need never fear lightning.

However, in order to protect a building from lightning, it is not only necessary to have a conductor of high quality, carefully manufactured, in accordance with modern scientific research, but it is highly important that it be properly applied by a man who understands the principles of lightning control. All interior and exterior metal work, such as heating plants, water systems, etc., should be connected to the electrical conductors.

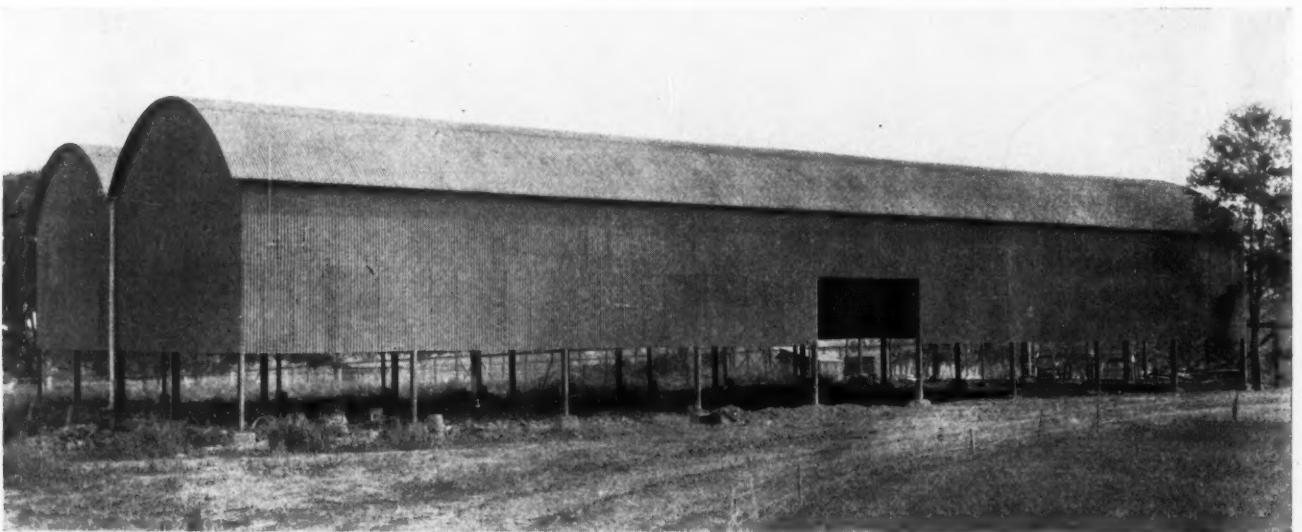
The United States government says: "Even if one is expert at the mechanical work involved, and the job apparently is simple, it generally will be preferable to secure the services of a professional. To plan and execute properly an installation requires an accu-

rate and experienced knowledge of the subject." Builders should study into this subject and become expert at lightning protection, since it is a logical part of building operations and the builder is the proper man to take care of it. Many are acting as installing agents for reputable concerns.

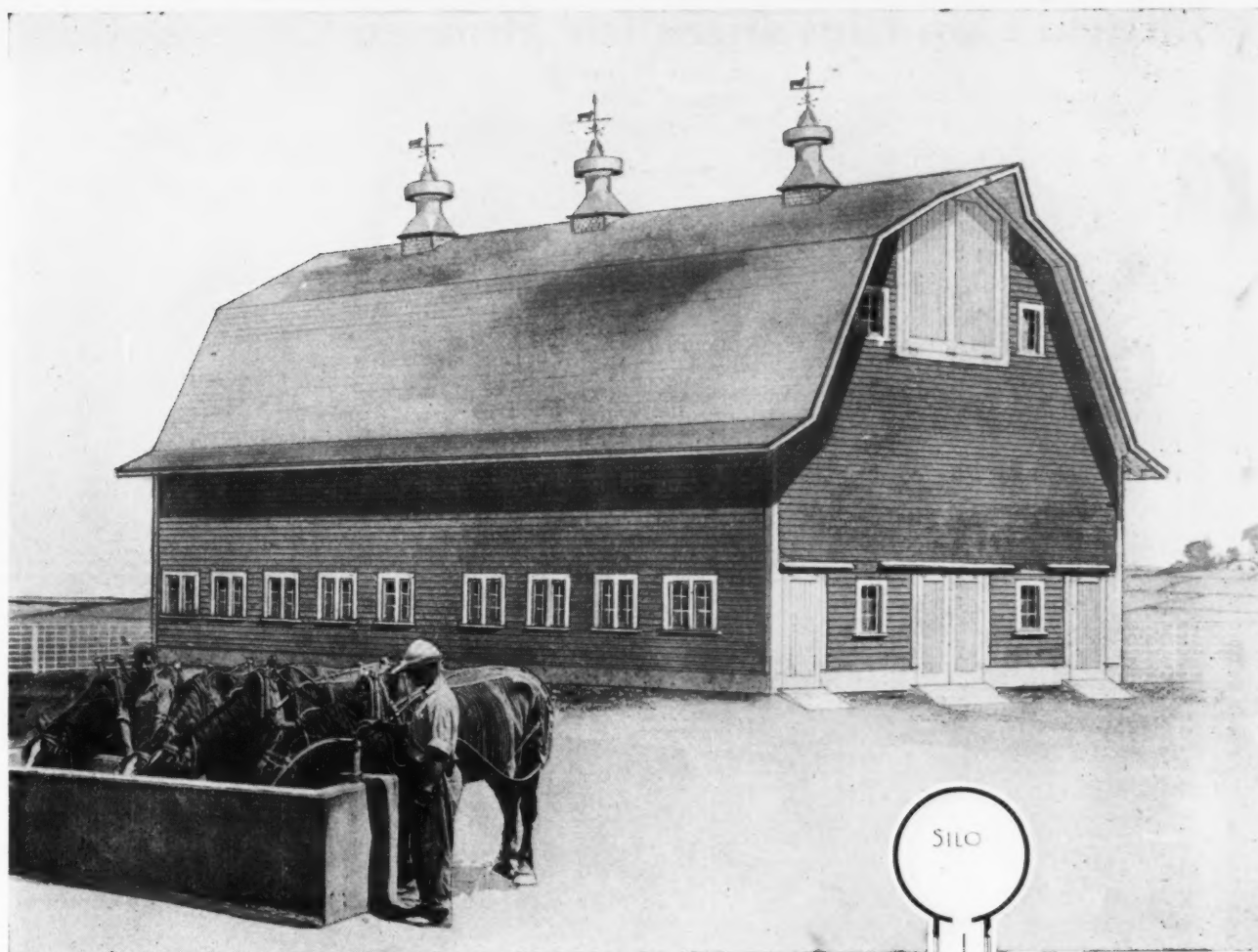
What you want is protection from lightning. There is no use having rods put upon your building unless they are the right kind and are properly put on—and you want to know that they are on right. Then you can forget all about lightning dangers and read your paper while the storm rages outside.



Section Thru Twin Hay Sheds Roofed and Sided with Corrugated Iron as Illustrated Below.



TWIN HAY SHEDS Roofed and Sided with Corrugated Iron. Size 36 by 108 Feet, 22 Feet High from Ground to Cross-tie, Which Carries the Hay Track. DON'T Stack Hay in the Open. A Shelter Like this is Quickly and Cheaply Built and Will House a Big Crop of Valuable Hay.

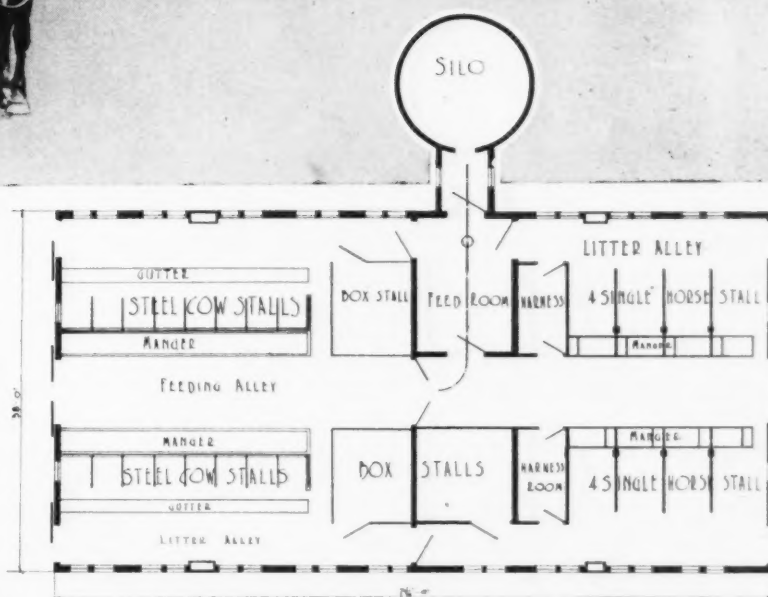


Gambrel Roof Combination Horse and Cow Barn.
Size 38 by 76 Feet.

A Combination Barn and a Poultry House

This is a barn of exceptionally fine appearance and will give to any farm an air of worth and prosperity that should be taken into account when figuring the cost.

Combination barns are held in high regard by some and in low esteem by others. This is an excellent example of its kind and has many advantages to recommend it. Attention is directed to the arrangements for handling the silage and the litter from both sections.

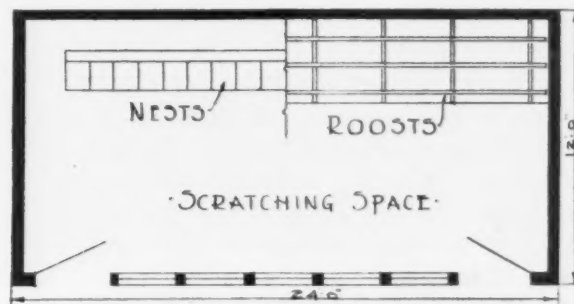


Arrangement of Combination Horse and Cow Barn.

In the poultry house the use of the popular muslin windows is indicated. The brood is worthy of consideration and provision should be made for its comfort and well being.



An Inexpensive Poultry House. Size 12 by 24 Feet.



Arrangement of Poultry House.

Built-in Cup Elevators for Modern Corn Cribs

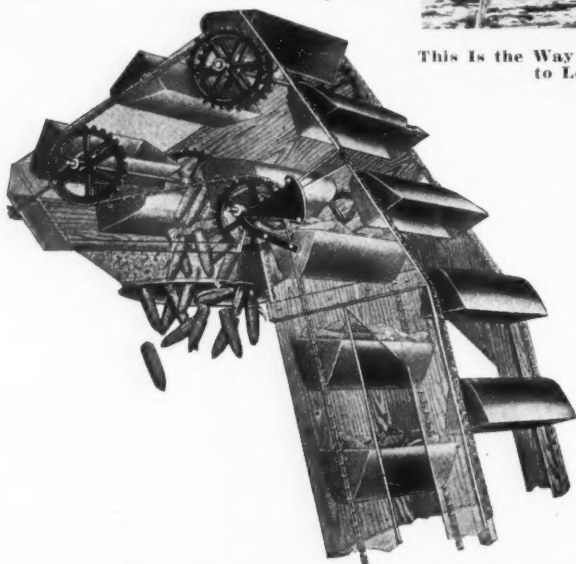
DETAILS OF THE SEVERAL TYPES OF MACHINERY EQUIPMENT IN USE IN MODERN TWO-STORY CORN CRIBS AND GRANARIES AND WHICH EVERY BUILDER SHOULD FIGURE ON BEFORE STARTING TO BUILD

THE rural builder has to be a good deal of a farmer. At least if he serves his clients as well as he ought he must understand their problems, and be wise to the best approved ideas for planning, building and equipping farm buildings in a way that will be best considering the uses the farmer will put them to.

In the Corn Belt the high corn crib and granary is the thing today. It makes use of a built-in cup ele-



This Is the Way NOT to Build a Corn Crib. It's a Crime This Year or Any Other Year to Let Food Crops go to Waste for the Lack of Proper Housing.

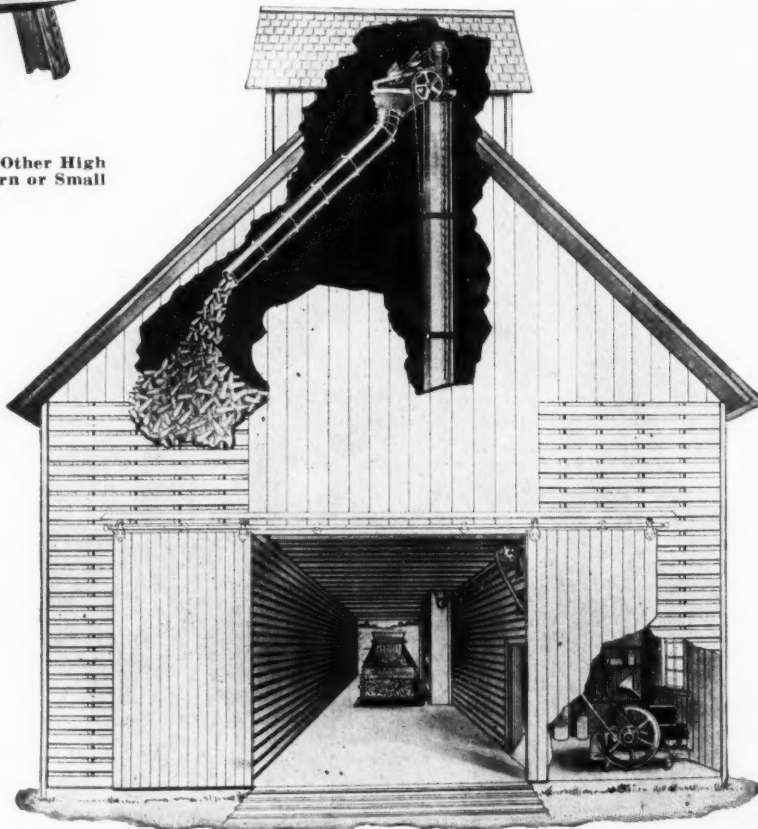


The Head of the Bucket Elevator Is in the Cupola or Other High Point of the Crib. Carried up to This Point the Ear Corn or Small Grain Is Chuted Into the Various Bins.

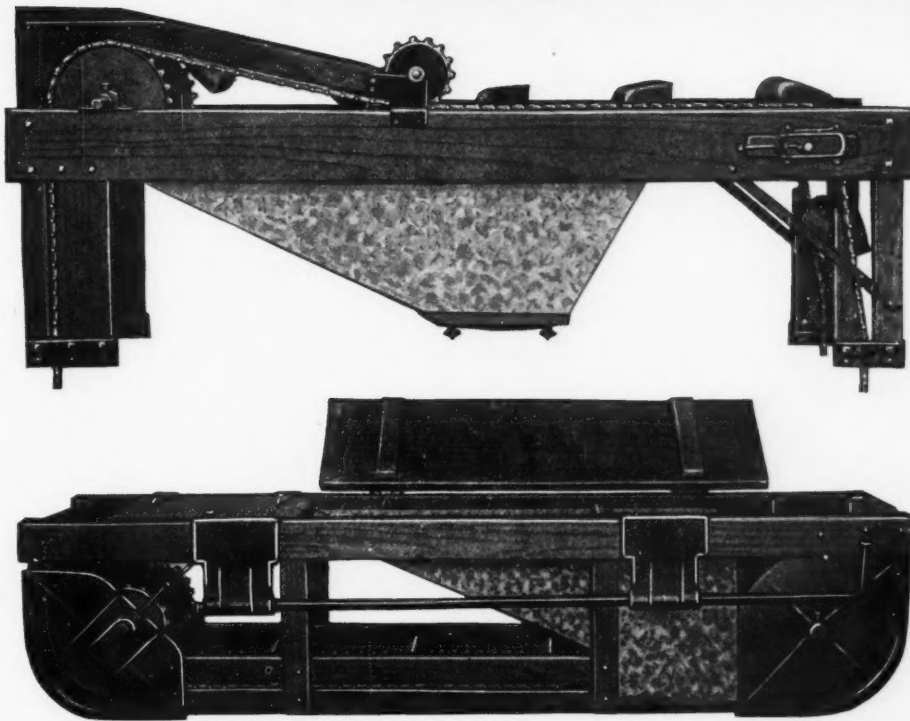
vator to raise the ear corn and the small grains up into the high part of the crib, where it is then distributed by gravity to the various bins. No more scoopshovel work for the busy Corn Belt farmer. There is too much of his corn to shovel it by hand, and the old fashioned low corn cribs wouldn't give them nearly enough capacity. The answer is the high corn crib with power elevating equipment.

There are a number of these mechanical elevators on the market. While essentially alike in their working, each has its special talking points, and its differences of construction, dimensions, etc., which have a bearing on the installation of the outfit in the building. It is very important for the rural builder to understand these differences, and whatever elevator is decided on he should lay out and build his structure *right* for that particular outfit.

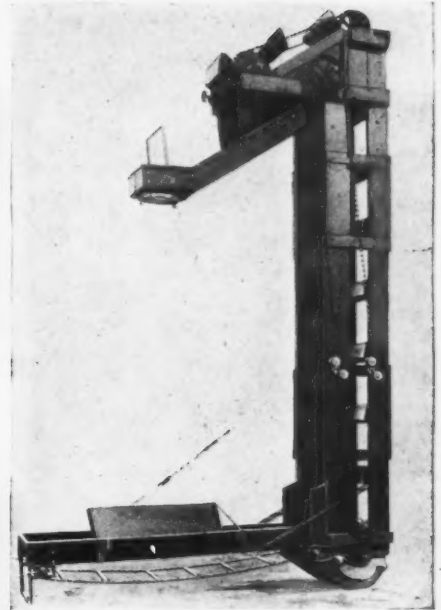
Fortunately, practically every manufacturer of granary equipment has gotten out working drawings, which show clearly how their outfit is installed and what dimensions are required. Some have gone further, and have prepared complete corn crib plans. All of these are interesting and instructive, as they show recommended practice for the framing of a high corn crib, and that is important, because of



General View of Modern Corn Crib with Parts Cut Away to Show Gas Engine Operating Line Shaft, Load of Corn Being Dumped at Foot of Elevator in Driveway, from Where It Is Elevated to the Cupola and Distributed to the Bins.



The Dump or Boot Located Below the Driveway Floor, and the Corresponding Elevator Head up Above, Employed in the Type of Elevator in Which the Bucket Chain Goes up on one Side of the Drive, Crosses Over, and Comes Down on the Other.



Cup Elevator Assembled Ready to be Built Into the Crib by the Carpenter. No Pit Is Needed for This Style Dump. The Boot Folds up Out of the Way for Driving Thru.

the heavy weight of grain that it will have to carry.

The manufacturers are glad to send all such information to rural builders, as they want them to be entirely familiar with modern crib equipment, its installation, and its uses.

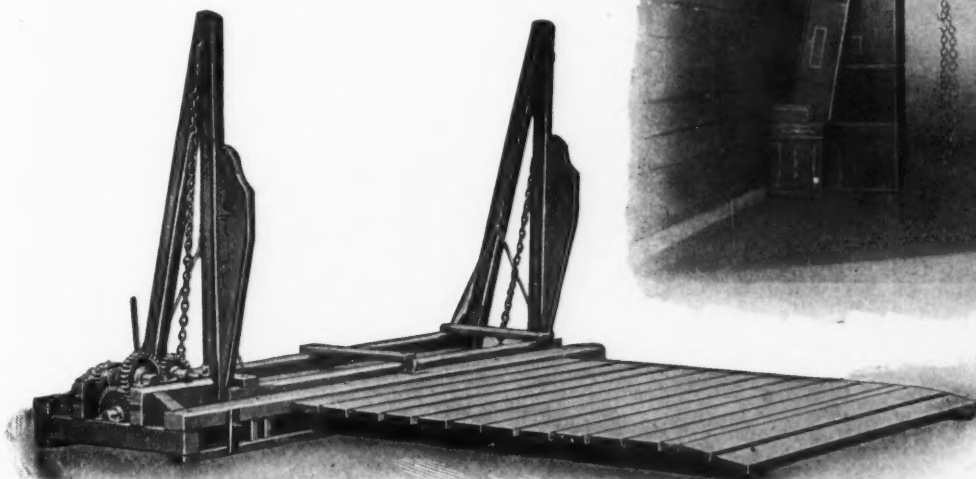
Bear in mind that farmers without an elevator have to pay one and one-half to three cents more a bushel for husking, because where there is an elevator on the farm, workers can pick ten to twenty bushels more a day. That's why many won't husk at all if the farmer hasn't an elevator.

To be able to pick from fifteen to twenty per cent more corn in a day on account of having the elevator is important to the farmer. Farm elevators not only save a lot of hard work and high wages, but they do the work better. They put the grain up

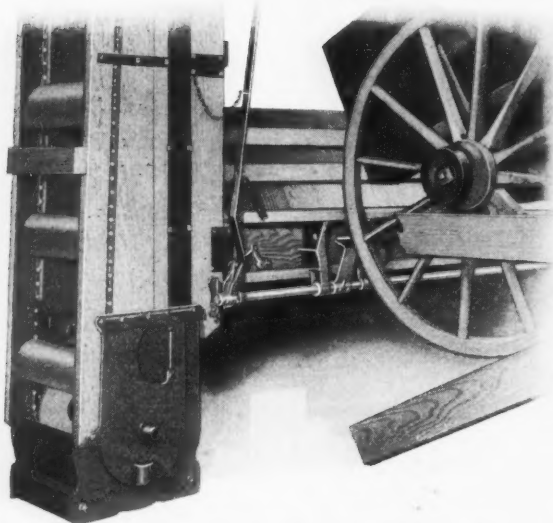
into the farthest corner and highest nook in the building, thereby using every foot of bin space. They save time and labor when most precious.



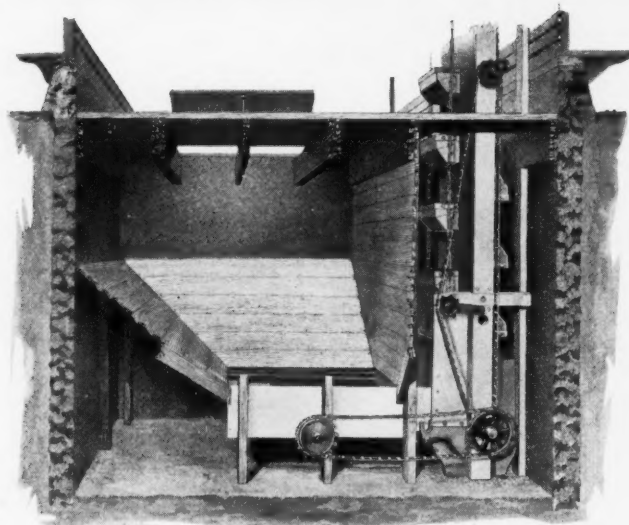
View Looking Thru Driveway, Showing Boot Folded up Out of the Way, and Hoisting Chains Let Down from the Ceiling to Slip Over the Front Wheel Hubs to Tilt the Wagon. Either the Platform Jack or the Ceiling Jack is Operated by the Same Power That Runs the Cup Elevator.



Platform Wagon Jack to Raise the Front End of the Wagon for Dumping. The Wagon Has to be Tilted, and There Are Two Ways of Doing This. Either Raise the Front Wheels with a Jack, or Lower the Rear Wheels Into a Pit.



Gravity Wagon Dump Sunk Below the Driveway Floor. When Ready to Dump the Wagon the Operator Pulls the Lever, Which Permits the Rear Ends of the 6 by 8-Inch Dump Timbers to Sink Slowly Down, and the Wagon Empties Itself. When Unloaded and the Wagon Pulled Forward, the Dump Timbers Rise and Are Automatically Locked in Position.



Some Prefer a Large Pit Underneath the Driveway Floor Into Which an Entire Load Can be Dumped at one Time. The Drag Chain and Buckets Operate in the Customary Manner.

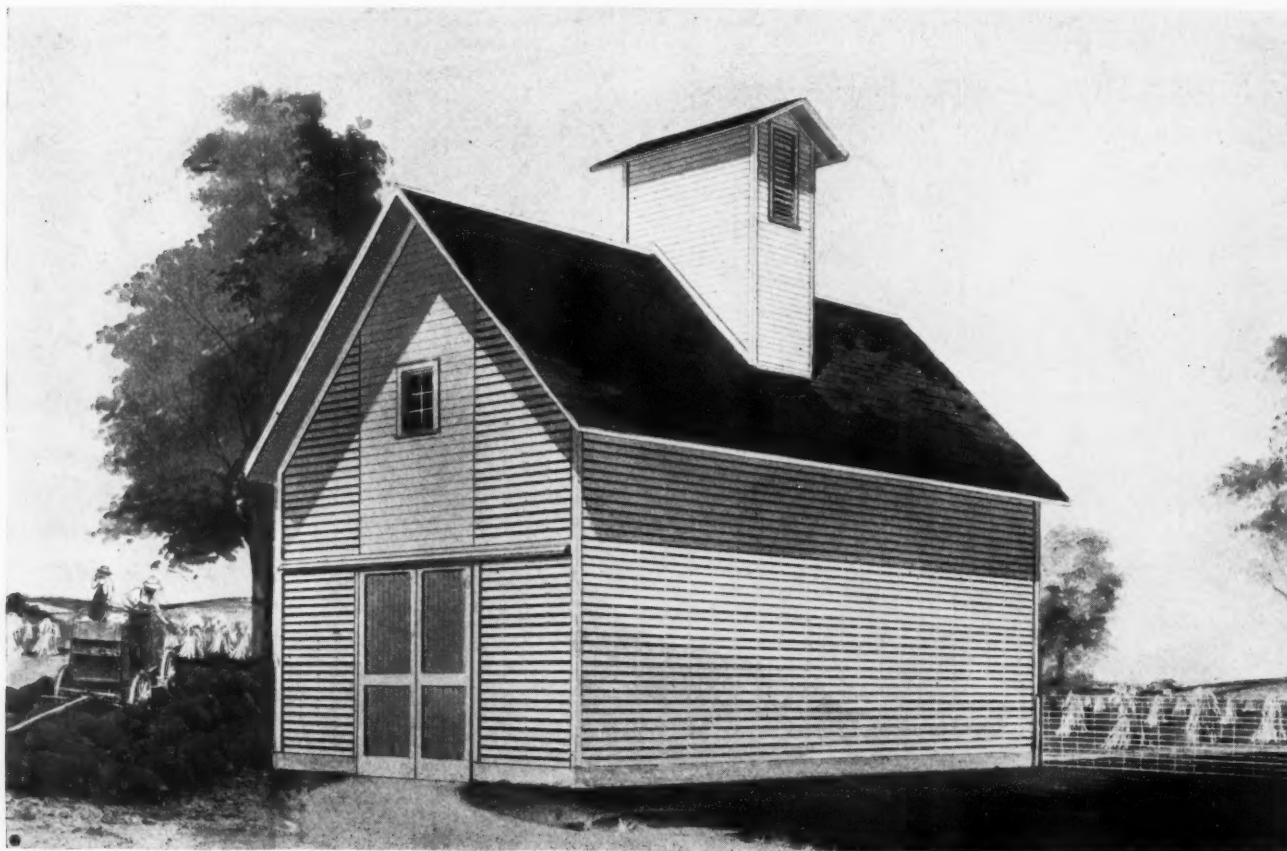
Blue Prints of Modern Crib

THE supplement plans immediately following show fully the construction of a modern two-story corn crib and granary. The dimensions are 45 by 26 feet, side walls using 18-foot studs. The 26-foot width gives two cribs 8 feet wide, separated by a 10-foot driveway. These cribs for ear corn extend clear up to the roof. The grain bins are over the driveway and are provided with hopper bottoms. Gravity

empties these bins when the farmer opens the grain spout.

The cup elevator in this design is at one side of the driveway in the crib space. This permits a narrower driveway, which more than makes up for the loss in bin space.

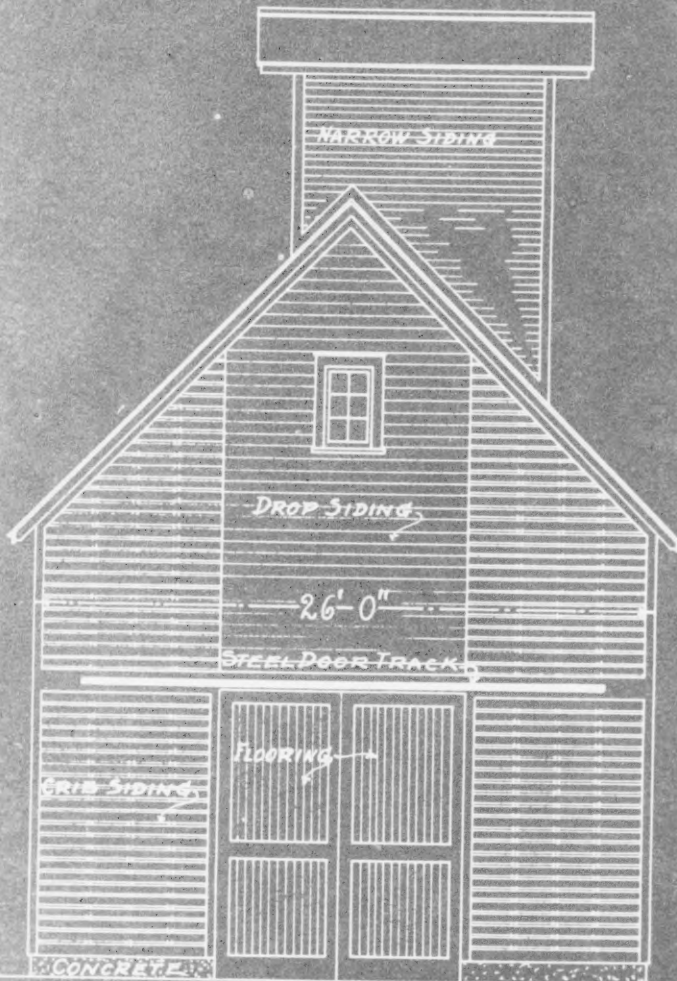
The position and dimensions of the cupola will depend on the particular make of elevator that is to be installed. Consult the manufacturers' catalogs for these sizes before building from these plans.



Exterior Photographic Perspective of Modern High Corn Crib and Granary. Complete Blueprinted Working Plans of Which Are Presented in the Supplement Immediately Following. These Plans Were All Drawn to Scale of $\frac{1}{4}$ Inch Equals One Foot.

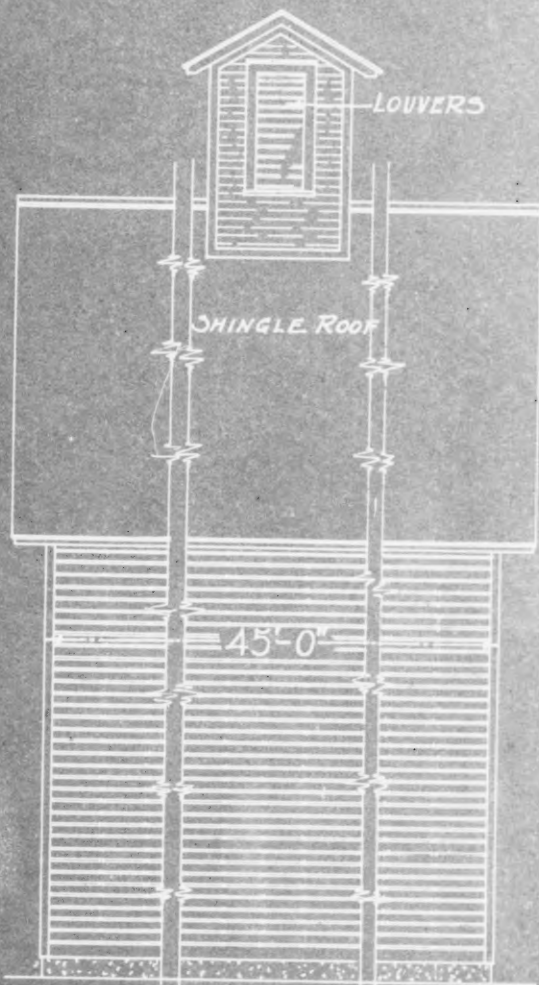


AMERICAN BUILDER FARM BUILDINGS



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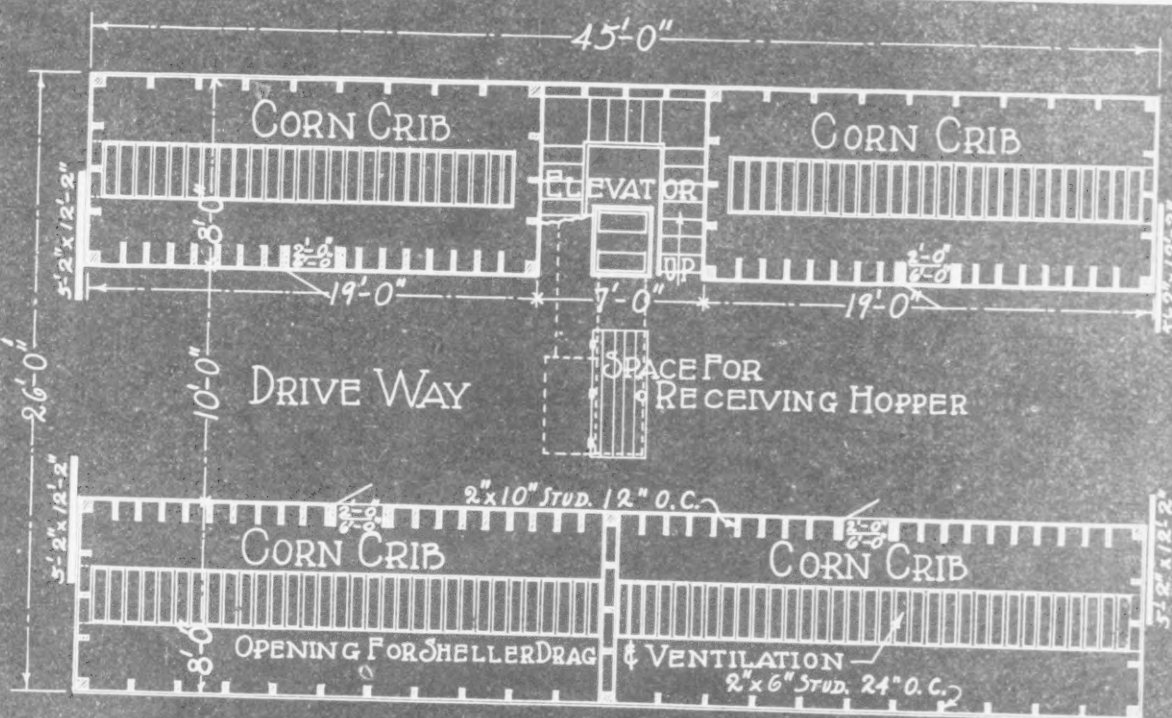
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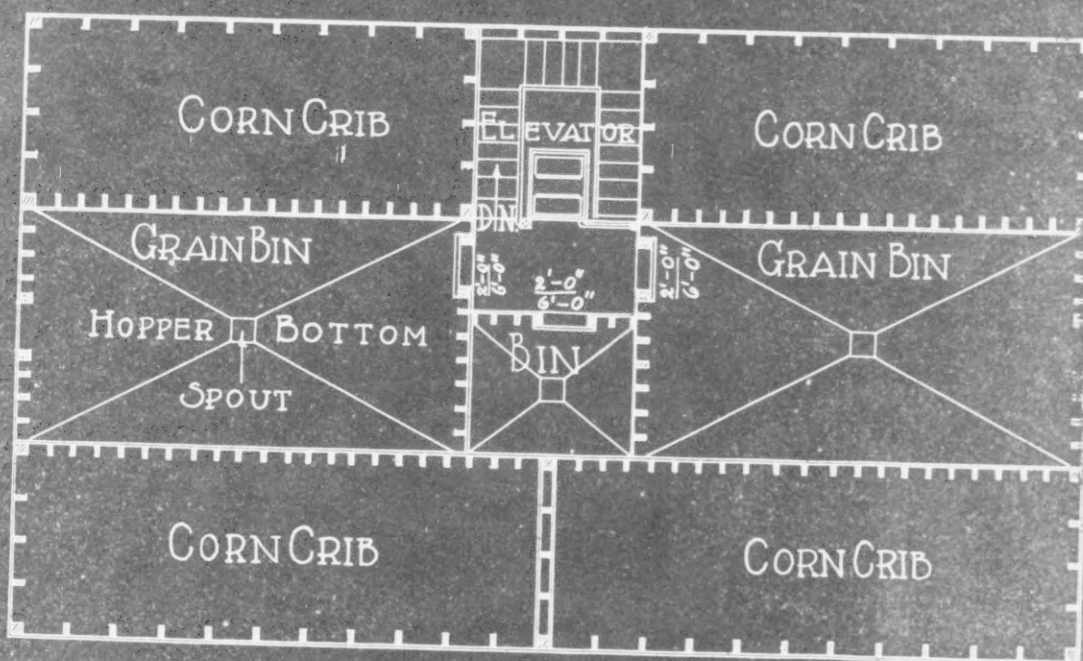
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PERSPECTIVE AND ELEVATIONS OF A MODERN CORN CRIB

AMERICAN BUILDER FARM BUILDINGS



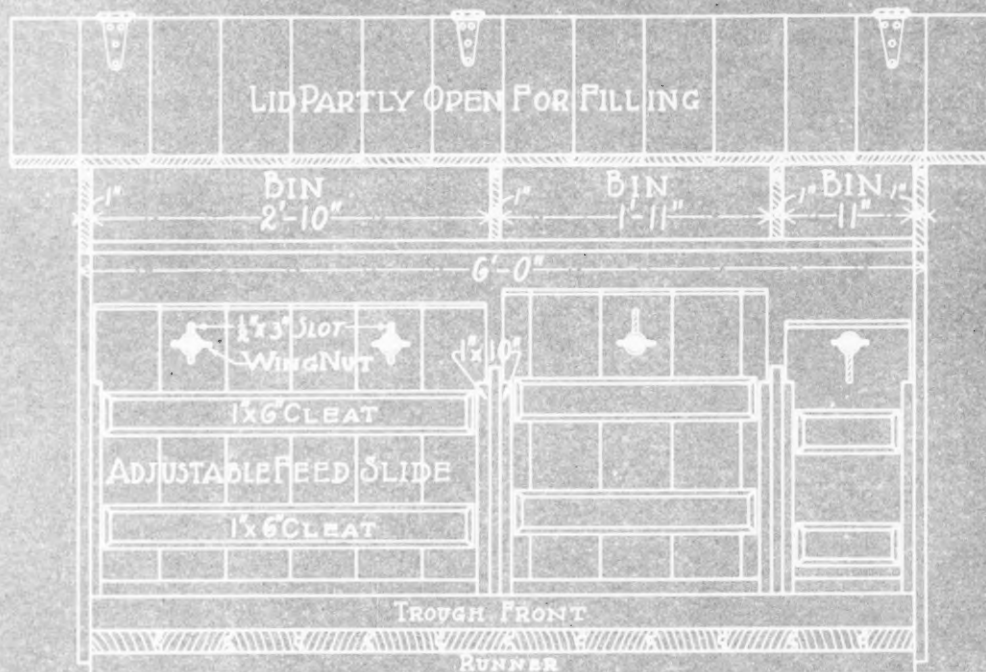
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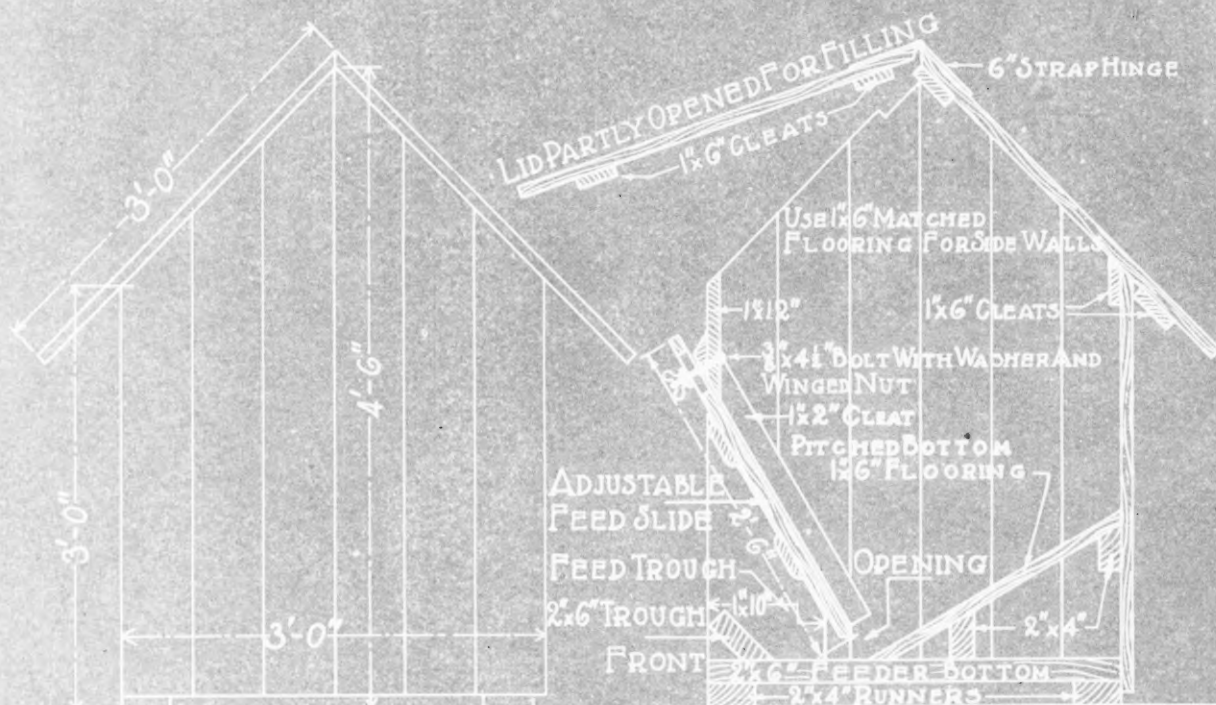
SECOND FLOOR PLAN

FLOOR PLANS OF A MODERN CORN CRIB

AMERICAN BUILDER FARM BUILDINGS



FRONT ELEVATION



SIDE ELEVATION

CROSS SECTION

IMPROVED SELF FEEDER FOR HOGS





BUILD ANOTHER SILO THIS YEAR. There is no lack of good silo methods or of materials on the market. The United States Fuel Administration and the War Industries Board have placed "Food Containers" on the priorities list. The silo is the world's greatest food container. Preference will be given silo building materials, and every lumber dealer who sells a silo, every builder who erects a silo, and every farmer who buys a silo this year is both a wise man and a patriot. A good slogan for this year is "ANOTHER silo for every farm."

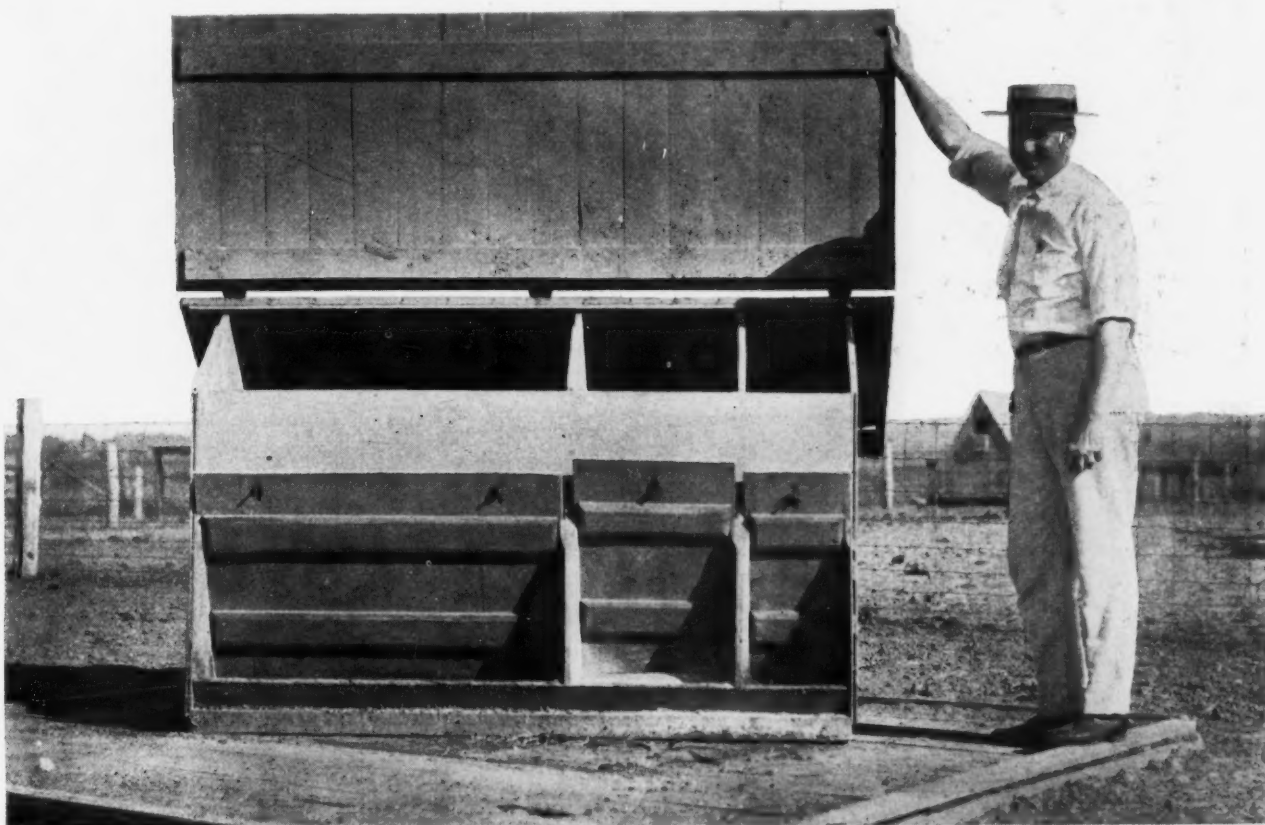
Blue Printed Plans of Improved Self-Feeder

ON the page opposite we present complete working drawings showing exactly how to build the improved self-feeder illustrated below. The scale is $\frac{3}{4}$ inch equals one foot.

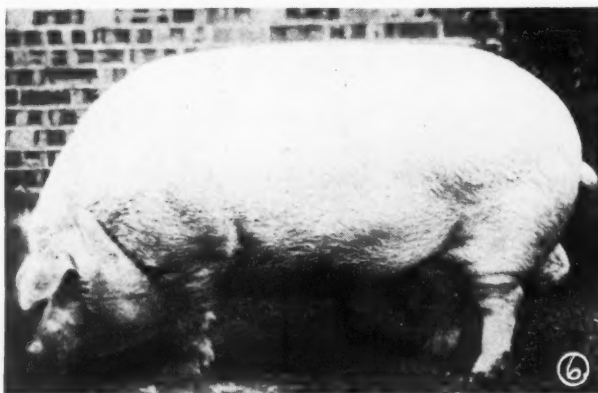
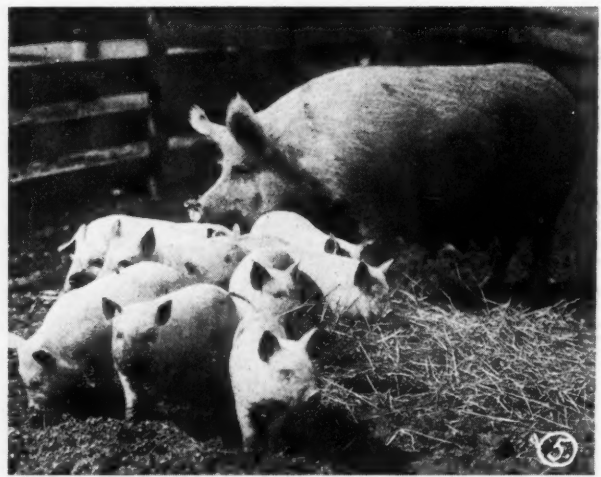
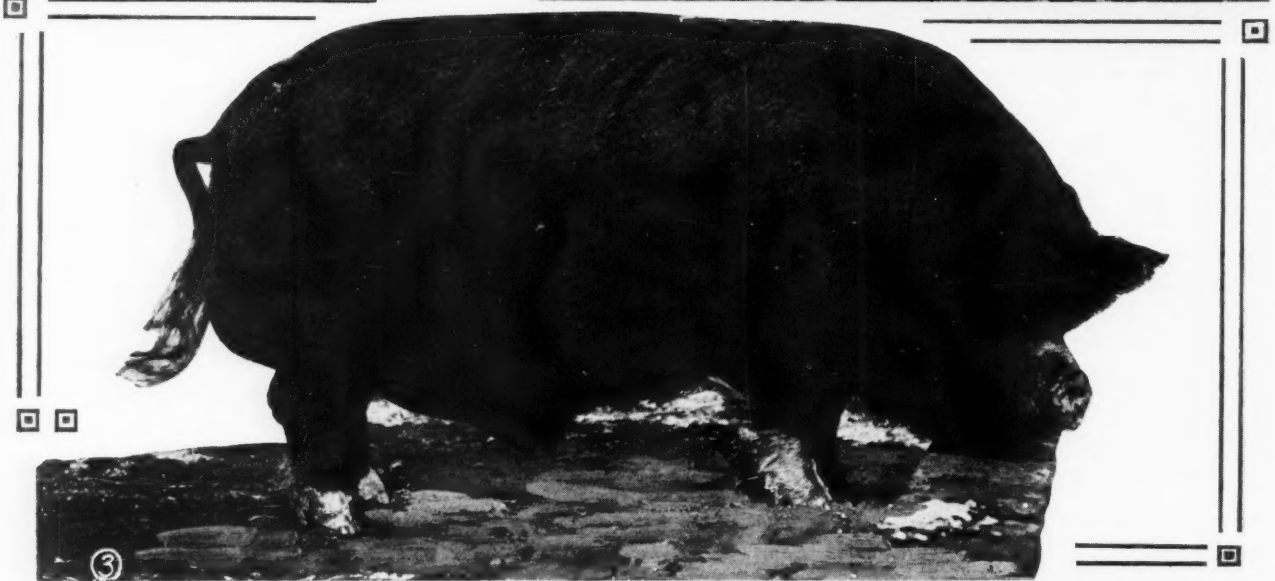
Lumber dealers who will make up a number of these during spare time will sell them readily to farmers. Every hog raiser needs one.

There are three different feed compartments. The slides at the front are adjustable to suit feeds coarse or fine. They work up and down thru a distance of about four inches, and are held fast in any position by tightening down a wing nut.

The construction of this self-feeder is weather tight. It is big enough to hold several days' supply of feed; and it is heavy enough so as not to be tipped over or shoved around by the pigs.



Professor Carmichael of the University of Illinois, and His Improved Self-Feeder for Hogs. Complete Blueprinted Working Plans Drawn to a Scale of $\frac{3}{4}$ Inch Equals One Foot Are Presented on the Opposite Page. There Are Three Compartments to This Feeder, and the Width of the Openings at the Bottom Is Adjustable by Means of the Slots and Wing Nuts.



PROPER HOG HOUSES WILL HELP. RAISE A PIG YOURSELF AND BUILD FOR THE FARMER SO THAT HE CAN RAISE TWO PIGS FOR EVERY ONE HE EVER RAISED BEFORE.

(1) The Seven Sleepers. (2) Six Pure Bred Berkshire Gilts at Feed Trough. (3) "Successor's Longfellow" (No. 180594). Said to be the best Berkshire Boar in America. Weighs 800 pounds. (4) Duroc-Jersey Pigs on blue grass pasture. (5) Yorkshire Sow with nine thrifty pigs. (6) "Wildwood Prince" (No. 28531). Big type Chester White. Grand Champion at Iowa State Fair. Weighs 1,100 pounds. (7) "Maid Wonder," big type Poland-China Sow.

How to Become a Shipbuilder

ANALYSIS OF THE SHIPYARD TRADES THAT ARE MOST NEARLY LIKE THE GENERAL BUILDING TRADES—
COMPARISON OF TOOLS AND METHODS USED—GLOSSARY OF SHIPBUILDING TERMS

Prepared by Kenneth G. Smith

Research Division of the Federal Board of Vocational Education

AT the beginning of the war, shipbuilding in the United States was at a low ebb. As a nation we had been building but few ships, whether of wood or steel, and consequently but a small number of men were trained in shipyard occupations. When the pressing need arose for building an enormous number of ships, there were not in the whole country enough men with sufficient knowledge of shipyard industries to turn out 10 per cent of the necessary work.

The program of the United States Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation calls for the delivery of a heavy tonnage of shipping during 1918. To carry out this program requires the recruiting of approximately 150,000 men for shipbuilding. These men can

rapidly gain experience in the shipyards, but they can not secure the necessary skill and knowledge in the short time available. It follows naturally that the men to be secured in this emergency are those whose previous training has given them some of the skill and knowledge required for a shipbuilding trade or for some special work in that trade.

Shipwright or Ship Carpenter

The work of the shipwright is the most varied of any of the shipbuilding trades. He follows closely and plays a part in the construction of the ship from the laying of the keel blocks until the vessel slides into the water. The work may be roughly divided into

A SUMMARY OF SHIPBUILDING AND KINDRED TRADES.

Trades outside of shipyards.	Shipyard trades in which these craftsmen may be used.	Trades outside of shipyards.	Shipyard trades in which these craftsmen may be used.
Architectural iron worker.....	Anglesmith.	Horseshoers.....	Blacksmith.
Asbestos workers.....	Pipe coverers.		Anglesmith.
Auto repair man.....	Ship fitter.	House mover.....	Plate and shape furnaceman (or helpers).
	Outside machinist.	Lumber jacks.....	Ship fitter.
Blacksmiths:	Blacksmith.		Shipwright.
Railroad blacksmiths.....	Hammer men.		Ship carpenters.
Machine blacksmiths.....	Tool dressers.		Lumber handlers and stage builders.
Hammer men.....	Shipsmiths.		Floor hands.
Tool dressers.....	Anglesmiths.		Bench hands.
	Plate and shape furnace men.		Machine hands.
Boiler maker.....	Ship fitters.	Machinists.....	Machine operators.
	Boiler maker.		Outside machinists.
Bricklayer.....	Ship fitter.	Molders.....	Molders of all kinds.
	Flange turner.		Green sand, dry sand, bench, side floor and floor, cast iron, steel, and brass.
Bucker-up. (See Riveter.)	Pipe coverer.	Ornamental iron worker.....	Anglesmith.
Cabinetmaker.....	Cementor.	Painter.....	Painter.
	Joiner.	Pipe fitters:	
	Template maker.	Steam fitter.....	Pipe fitters.
	Ship carpenter (shipwright).	Gas fitter.....	
	Ship joiner (if he has had experience on inside work).	Pile-driver man.....	Shipwright.
Carpenter.....	Mold loftman.	Plumbers.....	Plumbers.
	Ship fitter.	Painters.....	Painters (wood and metal)
Carvers.....	Carving (in joiner shop).	Passer. (See Riveter.)	
Carriage smith.....	Blacksmith.	Plasterers.....	Pipe coverers, cementers.
Wagon smith.....	Anglesmith.	Quarrymen. (See Granite cutters.)	
Wheelwright.....	Plate and shape furnaceman.	Riggers.....	Yard riggers.
	Ship fitter.		Bolter-up.
Chipper.....	Chipper (in foundry).	Riveters:	
	Chipper (in yard and on ship).	Structural.....	Riveters.
	Calker (steel).	Tank.....	
	Riveter.	Automobile.....	Holder-ons.
Concrete man.....	Cementor.	Bucker-up.....	Passers, heaters.
Core maker.....	Pipe coverer.	Passers, heaters.....	Rigger (in rigging loft).
Coppersmith.....	Core maker.	Sailors.....	
Dock builders.....	Coppersmith.	Steam fitter (see Pipe fitter)—	
Drop forger.....	Ship carpenters (stage builders).	Structural iron workers:	
	Drop forger.	(a) Structural marker.....	Ship fitter.
Engineers, steam.....	Outside machinists (if they have had erecting or repair experience).	(b) Structural fitter.....	Loftman.
	Pipe fitters.	(c) Structural liner or regulator.....	Assembler or bolter-up.
Erecting engineer or road man.....	Outside machinist.	(d) Structural erector.....	Ship fitter.
	Shipwright.	(e) Structural template maker.....	Loftman.
Elevator constructor.....	Outside machinist.	(f) Structural draftsman.....	Shipwright.
Electrical workers:	Shipwright.	(g) Structural yard man.....	Assembler or bolter-up.
(a) Outside man.....	Outside wireman in yard.		Ship fitter.
(b) Inside wireman.....	Wireman on ship.		Shipwright.
(c) Telephone installer.....			Riveter.
(d) Wire chief.....	Wiring on intercommunicating systems.		Template maker.
(e) Trouble shooter.....			Loftman.
(f) Switchboard man.....	Motor repairer and installer.		Draftsman.
(g) Motor repair man.....	Armature winder.		Mold loftman.
(h) Armature winder.....	Galvanizer.		Ship fitter.
Galvanizer.....			Material man.
Gasfitter. (See Pipe fitter.)			Cold sawyer.
Granite cutters.....	Chipper and calkers.		Yard man.
Stone cutters.....	Drillers and reamers.		Sheet-metal worker.
Quarrymen.....			Ship fitter.
Heater. (See Riveter.)			Mold loftman.
			Sailmaker.
		Sheet-metal worker.....	
		Tent and awning maker.....	
		Wagonsmith. (See Carriage smith.)	
		Wheelwright. (See Carriage smith.)	
		Wood finisher.....	Wood finisher.

Helpers in practically all of these trades can be used.

CHART 3.—Analysis of the shipwright's trade.

[Prepared by the Federal Board for Vocational Education at the request of the United States Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation. Large copies of this chart may be obtained from the Federal Board.]

Classes of work done.	Men required for each class.	Individual duties.	Jobs done.	Analysis of operations.
Cradle and launching ways.	One leading man..... 15 to 40 carpenters..... 10 helpers.....	Directs carpenters..... Perform all construction work preparatory to launching. Handle material as needed and clean up and pile blocking and timbers.	Locate and run lines and grades; fit cribbing, blocking, wedges, and shoring. Grease and clean ways, carry and pile lumber, remove chips.	1. Run line for spread of ways both sides of center line. 2. Run grade line, slope depending on weight and length of vessel. 3. Build cribbing to grade line. 4. Haul out ground ways. 5. Line ground ways to grade and give them transverse slope of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch per foot. 6. Fit bottom blocks neatly under ways. 7. Secure rib bands on edge of ways with lag screws. 8. Install spur shores, being careful not to force ways out of line. 9. Haul out sliding ways. 10. Scrape, plane, and clear all foreign matter from ground and sliding ways, especially grit. 11. Heat grease and put it on the ways. 12. After grease hardens, pull sliding way over onto greased ways. 13. Put strips of template stock over all openings to keep out dirt. 14. Bolt forward end of sliding ways to ground ways. 15. Put in blocking, fitting it to ship. 16. Install toggles and frapping where needed. 17. Put launching wedges in place.
Launching.....	Varies according to size of ship. One foreman..... 2 leading men..... About 80 carpenters..... About 10 helpers.....	Directs launching. Directs carpenters. Launch the ship..... Assist carpenters.....	Drive wedges, take out keel blocks, and release ship. Grease the ways and assist carpenters.	1. Grease up overboard ways ahead of tide. 2. When all is ready, drive wedges until ship is firm in cradle. 3. Split out keel blocks, which drops weight of ship to cradle. 4. When all is clear, men are ordered from under the ship prior to releasing. 5. Cut tie plank to release ship. 6. After ship is launched, helpers scrape off ways and remove timbers which are taken apart by the carpenters.
Fairing ship.....	10 carpenters.....	Do all fairing, shoring, and shifting of keel blocks for riveting.	Lay keel blocks..... Frame ship..... Keep ship fair. Horn bulkheads.....	1. Establish grade line. 2. Lay keel blocks to grade line. 1. Carry center line up from blocks vertically through the ship. 2. Establish base line. 3. Check all measurements on center line and base line. 1. Set bulkheads in ship. 2. Set bulkhead to proper declivity; that is, square with base line. 3. Set bulkhead square with ship by equal measurements on port and starboard side to fixed point on center line.
Building staging.....	Stage builders..... 2 helpers.....	Build staging. Handle material		
Miscellaneous: (a) Deck fittings...	Experienced carpenters. (Number depends entirely on size of ship.)	Do all lining, measuring, fitting, and placing, ready for riveting.	Place all deck fittings, rails, awning, stanchions, railstanchions, pad eyes, lug pads, cleats, chocks, bitts, winches, capstan, windlass, stowage of spare anchors, chain plates, cargo davits, etc.	1. Get deck plan. 2. Measure for and line off for various fittings. 3. Locate fittings ready for drilling and riveting.
(b) Laying and calking wood decks.	Carpenters. (Number depends entirely on size of ship.)	Lay all wood decks..... May calk seams.....	Lay decks..... Line off deck for drilling.	1. If mold loft has not laid off holes for fastening decking, carpenter runs check line parallel to center line of ship. 2. Lay off holes from center line with batten. 3. Houses ends of decking into margin at ship's side, where miter exceeds 45°. 4. Squares and planes finished deck to through water to sides, uses machine planer, and finishes by hand.
(c) Lining up.....	2 experienced carpenters..... 2 helpers.....	Do all lining. (In many yards much of this work is done by outside machinists.) Shift line and assist as directed..	Establish line for propeller shaft. Line up stern and bow castings. Do all other lining on ship.	1. Determine position of propeller shaft line from base line and center line. 2. Stretch wire line in place from which measurements may be taken. 3. Lay off for boring castings. 1. Line up stern and bow castings in position from center line. 2. Mark scarpings for machining. 3. Line castings up on ship after they are machined.
(d) Installing.....	Experienced carpenters..... Helpers. (Number depends on size of ship.)	Measure, line off, fit, and locate ready for fastening. Duties as in lining off.	Locate all miscellaneous fittings, as, cargo-handling gear, cargo battens, pads for lead blocks, belaying pins, fair leads, boat-handling gear and stowage, anchor-handling gear, clench rings, wood grating, pads, chain stoppers, devil's claws, hawse pipe, windlass engine foundations, masts, and rigging.	1. Get drawings. 2. Measure and line off for various fittings. 3. Locate fittings.
(e) Spar making...	One spar maker.....	Performs entire operation alone.	Makes and installs square, octagonal, or round spars, masts, cargo booms, etc., and puts on fittings for them.	1. Hews square to dimensions from rough material. 2. Hews to octagonal shape. ($\frac{1}{4}$ squared.) 3. Hews to 16-sided shape. ($\frac{1}{8}$ squared.) 4. Tapers and planes round to shape with drawknife and plane. 5. Mounts with shroud and hound bands. 6. Fits with truck for signal halyards when required. 7. Steps mast in ship. 8. Plumbs transversely and puts to rake as desired. 9. Wedges masts as required.
(f) Calking.....	1 calker.....	Performs entire operation alone, except in deep seams.	Does all calking on water-tight wood decks.	1. Spreads cracks $\frac{1}{4}$ inch with dumb iron and puts in cotton. 2. Puts in oakum with thread iron. 3. Finishes with making iron. 4. May if necessary in deep seams use horsing iron pounded in by helper with beetle.

CHART 4.—Comparison of shipwright and kindred trades involving use of woodworking tools.

Trade names.		Work done.		Comparisons.	
Ship trade	Kindred trade.	Ship trade.	Kindred trade.	Ship trade.	Kindred trade.
Shipwright or ship carpenter	House carpenter or carpenter	Laying keel blocks, moving keel blocks. Laying and moving bilge blocks.	Laying sills and foundations...	(1) Slope of grade line or declivity depends on weight and length of vessel (for launching purposes only). Some ships are built on a level keel fore and aft and athwartships.	(1) Grade or grade line is a horizontal line or grade established by the engineer above which heights are measured. A sloping grade line may be run for drains, pipes, etc.
		Shoring and framing.....	Bracing, blocking, and framing.	(1) Keel of ship is not level but inclined on a fixed slope or declivity in most cases. (2) Framing of ships is squared with the keel. (3) Frames of ship are steel (on steel ships). (4) Uses level, plumb bob, and declivity board. (5) No rafter cutting or roof framing in shipwork. (6) Ship carpenter builds no stairs and does no interior finishing, this is done by the ship joiner.	(1) Foundation of a building is level. (2) Framing of building is squared with foundation. (3) Frame of house is wood. (4) Uses level, plumb bob, and square. (5) Rafter cutting and roof framing are important. (6) House carpenter builds stairs, bookcases, cupboards, etc., and does interior finishing.
		Fairing ship and horning bulkheads.	Squaring frames, studding, columns, partitions, etc.	(1) Center line is carried up vertically from keel. (2) Base line is established. (3) Measurements are checked on center line and base line. (4) Bulkheads are horned or squared by plumb bob and declivity board and by measurements fore and aft.	(1) Lines are run for partitions, columns, studding, etc. (2) Building is plumbed and squared by level, plumb bob, and square.
		Laying wood decks and sometimes calking them.	Laying floors.....	(1) Deck is fastened with bolts or lag screws and must be made water-tight by calking. (2) Deck has fore and aft slope or sheer and side slope or camber. (3) Decking is heavier as a rule than flooring. (4) A deck seam is tight on the inside and open (for calking) on the outside.	(1) Floor is nailed and not water-tight. (2) Floor is usually flat and level. (3) Heavier flooring is required in warehouses, stores, etc. (4) A floor seam is tight on the outside.
		Boxing pipe..... Laying ceiling. (A ceiling in shipwork means interior wood casing for the floor, sides, or ceiling of a room, not merely overhead covering.) Putting on cargo battens. Installing wood foundations.	Lays floors and "ceils" rooms and puts on siding.	The operations are the same in the case of the ship carpenter and the house carpenter and the work is practically the same	
	House mover.....	Building launching cradle and launching ways and launching ship.	No corresponding work done except the blocking and shoring done in raising or moving a building.	(1) A ship is wedged firmly in the cradle and lowered upon the ways by splitting out the keel blocks. (2) A ship slides down greased ways.	(1) A house is wedged up or raised by jackscrews and rollers placed beneath it. (2) A house is pulled along on rollers.
Stage builder.....	Bridge carpenters. Rough carpenters. Dock builders. Filedriver man. Lumber jacks can be used for this work as well as the house carpenter.	Stage building.....	Building scaffolding, staging, trestle work, heavy timber framing for barns, docks, wharves, etc.	No direct comparison is necessary as the work is essentially the same.	
Sparmaker.....	No kindred trade.....	Spar making.....	No kindred work except general shaping of heavy timbers.	No direct comparison can be made. Spar making requires much more care and skill than the ordinary shaping of rough timbers. Much of the work is made to caliper measurements.	
Boat builder.....	Boat builder.....	Builds boats for ships.....	Builds boats, launches, etc.	Work is essentially the same in both cases.	
Calker.....	Calker on small boats and launches.	Calks wood decks.....	Calks seams on small boats and launches.	The work is essentially the same but much heavier on ship work.	

CHART 13.—Analysis of ship joiners' trade.

Classes of work done.	Men required for each class.	Individual duties.	Jobs done.	Analysis of operations.
Outside work.....	1 joiner..... 1 helper for every 10 journeymen.	Erects woodwork on the ship.... Carry material and assist as directed.	Lays joiner decks. (Decks up to 2 inches thick are called joiner decks. Thicker decks are ship carpenter decks.) Puts on bulkhead wood sheathing; fits up cabins, staterooms, storerooms, workshops and cold-storage rooms; builds stairways, stepladders, panel work, and magazines.	Works from blue print and install work according to layout exactly like any carpenter.
Inside work: (a) Joinery.....	1 joiner..... 1 helper for every 10 journeymen.	Makes cabinet work for ship.... Carry material and assist as directed.	Makes all stationary furniture such as tables, seats, berths, sideboards, chiffoniers, cabinets, book racks, toilet cases, and mirrors.	Works from blue print and makes articles according to layout like any other joiner or cabinetmaker. Mortise and tenon work much more common than in outside work.
(b) Machine operating.	3 to 6 millmen.....	Operate the following machines: Planer, band saw, tenoner, shaper, molder, mortiser, circular saw.	Form piece according to layout of joiner or turn out standard pieces	

two classes—the carpentry or woodwork, such as the building of scaffolding, building cradle and launching ways, laying wood decks, installing ceiling, etc., and the erecting or millwright work, such as horning bulkheads, lining and installing stem and stern posts, laying off for and installing deck fittings, fairing frames and keeping ship fair upon the ways. The first class of work calls for the fabricating skill and knowledge of woodworking tools possessed by the car-

penter; the second for the planning and assembling skill of the millwright and erecting man.

Spar making, boat building, and calking wood decks are special classes of shipwright work and are done by special gangs or special men. Inside work, such as the building of stairs, cases, cupboards, berths, and paneling, commonly known as interior finish, is not done by the shipwright but by the ship joiner.

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CHART 5.—Comparison of shipwright and kindred trades involving erecting skill.

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Trade names	Work done.		Comparisons.		Assets of man in kindred trade.	What he must be taught.
	Shipwright.	Kindred trade.	Shipwright.	Kindred trade.		
Millwright, erecting engineer or erecting man, outside machinist or road man, elevator constructor or erector	The shipwright aside from the work done by him similar to that of the house carpenter does other entirely different work similar to that of the millwright or erecting man. This may be briefly described as lining and installing.	The millwright or erecting man is chiefly concerned with the proper erection of buildings and the installation and erection of all kinds of machinery. He is familiar with the processes of laying off for, lining up and erecting machinery, shafting, and all forms of mechanical equipment.	In general the same processes of lining and erecting are used by the shipwright and men from the kindred trades. The millwright is familiar with the erection of machinery and buildings, the structural liner with plumbing and squaring steel structures, the erecting or road man with special types of machinery, and the elevator man with elevators, pumps, motors, escalator machinery and equipment. All are accustomed to lining and squaring and the use of the level and plumb bob. All of them except the structural liner have more experience with machinery than is necessary for the work of the shipwright.	(1) Knowledge of lines and processes of lining and squaring. (2) Realization of the need of accuracy. (3) Ability to measure accurately. (4) Ability to read blue prints. (5) Knowledge of and skill with ordinary hand tools. (6) Ingenuity or ability to do a job in the best way under given circumstances. (7) (Usually.) Varied experience. (8) Self-confidence and sense of responsibility. A good man with mechanical ability and good judgment should quickly learn to do this work. In many cases in this work the shipwright works in conjunction with the engineers and machinists.	(1) Terms and conventions used in ship construction. (2) To construct and use a declivity board. (3) Familiarity with ship conditions.	
Structural liner.....	Setting line for propeller shaft. (When not given by engineers or machinists.)	Running lines for shafting or shaft bearing.	The processes and tools used by the shipwright are practically the same as those used by the erecting man and differ only in their application to ship machinery and conditions. The millwright or erecting man is accustomed to a level or nearly level floor and vertical walls. The shipwright is accustomed to a sloping deck and the curved sides of a ship.			
	Lining struts for propeller shaft and marking scarphs.	Lining shaft bearings.....				
	Horning bulkheads.....					
	Laying off deck fitting such as rails, awning stanchions and fittings, hold and between decks stanchions, cleats, chocks, boat stowage, wood foundations, cargo battens, devil claws, chain stoppers, etc. (In most cases shipwrights install as well as lay off this work).	Laying off for and installing machinery and equipment.				
					NOTE.—An erecting engineer on steam engines, turbines, blowers, and pumps is particularly adapted to the work of the outside machinist on the main engines and auxiliaries. The ingenuity, self-reliance, adaptability, and technical knowledge as well as varied experience which the erecting engineer must possess make it possible for him to quickly become useful in ship work.	

Assets of man in kindred trade.	What he must be taught.
(1) Knowledge of skill in using woodworking tools. (2) Ability to read blue prints. (3) Skill in measuring and fitting. (4) A general knowledge of timbers, bracing and framing. (5) A knowledge of and skill in using the level, plumb bob, and square.	(1) Terms used in ship construction. (2) The meaning of declivity and how to make and use a declivity board. (This is not necessary if the ships are built on a level keel.) (3) Proper method of placing shoring for strength and to keep ship fair. (4) Method of fairing steel frames. (5) Method of horning bulkheads by declivity boards, plumb bob, and fore and aft measurements (declivity board not used if ship is on level keel) (6) To cut and fit work on a bevel or slant (7) To run grade and center lines. (8) To make water-tight jobs. (9) To use broad ax and adze.
What a house carpenter must be taught depends in a large measure on what kind of ship work he is expected to do. In such work as stage building, boxing pipes, and laying ceiling he would need little if any instruction.	
(1) As stated above.	This is steelwork and entirely unrelated to the work of the house carpenter. It would require considerable experience to enable him to handle the work successfully.
(1) As stated above.	(1) Terms used in ship construction. (2) To lay off holes for bolts or lag screws with batten and chalk line (3) To handle heavy decking. (4) To work on sloping and not flat surfaces. (5) Method of housing or nibbing the ends of decking. (6) To make deck seams tight on the inside and not on the outside (for calking purposes).
(1) As above.	This work could all be done by a house carpenter after receiving some explanations of ship conditions and becoming somewhat familiar with ship construction.
(1) Knowledge of methods of handling heavy timbers, wedges, and shoring. (2) Knowledge of heavy woodworking tools, ropes, winches, jackscrews, rollers, etc.	(1) Terms used in ship construction. (2) How to run line for slope of ways. (3) Care in cleaning, lining, and shoring ways. (4) Methods of cutting and fitting cribbing and blocking and wedges. (5) Methods of installing toggles and frapping. (6) How to use a broad ax and adze. (7) Duties on launching day.
(1) Knowledge of heavy timbering and staging (2) Knowledge of heavy woodworking tools.	No instruction necessary except a slight explanation of ship conditions and requirements.
(1) Any man accustomed to shaping heavy timbers can probably use drawknife and plane.	(1) How to use a broad ax and adze. (2) Methods of accurately shaping large timbers. (Skill must be acquired by experience.)
An outside boat builder can do the work of a ship boat builder without further instruction.	Use of heavy calking tools and process of heavy calking. Handling of oakum is important.

GLOSSARY.

Air hammer—Hammer driven by compressed air for riveting. Sometimes called an air gun or "gun."

Air holding on hammer—Hammer with air cushion for holding against a rivet.

Anneal—To heat and cool metal for the purpose of softening.

Auxiliary foundations—Supports for pumps, distillers, condensers, etc.

Base line—See Lines.

Bat rivet—A rivet with a cone head.

Batten—A thin strip of wood used in measuring or making templates. (See also Cargo batten.)

Bending floor—Large iron floor on which frames are bent.

Bevel—To change the angle of an angle bar to make it fit in a certain place.

Bevel-faced hammer—A riveting hammer with sloping face.

Bevel-faced holding on hammer—A heavy hammer with sloping face for holding against a rivet.

Bilge—The point at which frames turn from bottom to side of ship.

Body plan—See Lines plan.

Bosom piece—A short angle connecting the ends of two angles.

Boas plate—Plate bent to fit around the propeller shaft.

Braze—To heat and join by means of hard solder.

Breast hook—A plate connecting stringers at bow or stern of ship.

Break in—To bend in a sheet back of a seam by too heavy calking.

Bulb angle—An angle with one edge rounded.

Bulkhead—A steel partition in a ship.

Butt joint—A joint formed by "butting" the edges of plates together.

Butt strap—A small plate connecting ends of two plates.

Bull riveting—Riveting with a compressed air or hydraulic plunger riveter.

Bulwarks—Protection rail along side of ship.

Buttock line—See Lines.

Calker—A man who makes seams tight in wood or metal. Calker usually means a metal calker. If wood calker is meant the term "wood calker" is used.

Camber—The rise or crown of a deck in the center.

Cant frames—A group of frames extending over the rudder forming stern of ship.

Cargo batten—Stripe of planking on the inside of the frames in the hold to keep cargo away from shell of ship.

Chalk line—A cord used for marking with chalk.

Chocks—Seats or saddles of wood or metal.

Clinching pan—A flat plate for clinching nails (used in mold loft).

Clip—A short angle connecting shapes and plates.

Condenser head—Connection of exhaust pipe to top of condenser.

Counterplates—Shell plates around the stern at the upper or weather deck.

Countersink—To enlarge the upper part of a hole.

Cradle—A form of plates and angles on which a plate is shaped by the furnace man.

Davits—Devices to launch lifeboats from ship.

Deck house—A steel house on deck of ship.

Deck plan—A drawing showing the layout of a deck.

Development—A full-sized or developed pattern.

Diagonals—See Lines.

Die—A tool for forming a rivet head (applied to rivet dies).

(a) *Flush die*—To flatten rivets into a countersunk hole.

(b) *Snap die*—To form a round head.

Displacement—The amount of water displaced by a ship.

Dolly bar—A heavy bar to hold against a rivet.

Doubling plate—A plate attached to another plate to stiffen it (often put around an opening).

Fabricate—To punch, cut, shear, drill, bend, flange or weld plates and shapes.

Fair—In proper position.

Fair or fair up—To adjust work in proper position.

Fair lead—A guide for a rope or cable to lead it straight to a desired place.

Fair ship—To keep a ship square upon the ways during construction.

Flange—To bend plates to form an angle.

Floor plate—Vertical plates between inner bottom and shell.

Flush rivet—A rivet driven with a flush die. (Has a head even with plate or nearly so.)

Forefoot—The under part of the stern where the center keel rises and joins the stem.

Frame—Steel section forming ribs of ship to which shell is riveted.

Frame lines—See Lines.

Frame mold—Template for the frame of a ship.

Galley dresser—A cook's work table.

Grab stand—A special rig used to hold an electric or air-drilling machine.

Garboard—Strake or line of plates next to the flat keel.

Gudgeons—Projections on the stern frame to hold rudder steady.

Gusset plates—Brackets connecting tank top and frames.

Half-breadth plan—See Lines plan.

Hatch—Opening in deck of vessel through which cargo, coal, etc., is loaded.

Hawse pipe—Hole or pipe through which mooring cable runs.

Heater or heater boy—One who heats rivets.

Heating tongs—Tongs used to take a rivet from the fire.

Hook stick—A rig used to hold drilling machine for light drilling.

Horn—To line or square up.

Hull—Body of a ship.

Inboard—Toward center of ship.

Inner bottom—Inner shell for bottom of ships, often called tank top.

Intercostals—Short plates between frames.

Jam hammer—A special type of holding-on hammer used in heavy riveting.

Joggle—To bend plates and shapes to fit over other work.

Keel—The lowest or bottom part of a ship.

(a) *Flat keel*—Plate on bottom of ship.

(b) *Vertical keel*—Plates and shapes at center line of ship connecting shell and inner bottom.

(c) *Bilge keel*—Plates and shapes fastened to shell at bilge.

Keel blocks—Heavy blocks on which ship rests during construction.

King post—Vertical post to support cargo booms.

Launching ways—The ways or supports on which the ship is supported when launched.

(a) *Ground ways*—Fixed timbers.

(b) *Sliding ways*—Timbers which slide over the ground ways carrying the ship.

Lift—To make a template on ship or in the yard to fit a special place.

Lightening holes—Holes in plate to reduce weight or permit access.

Lumber holes—Holes in floors for drains.

Liners—Short bars filling spaces between plates and shapes.

Lines (on a drawing)—Principal lines of a drawing are as follows:

- Base line*—A horizontal reference line from which vertical measurements are taken.
- Buttock line*—A vertical line on the body plan parallel with the center line; a horizontal line in the half-breadth plan parallel to the center line; a curved line in the sheer plan.
- Center line*—A vertical line in the center of the body plan perpendicular to the base line; a horizontal line in the half-breadth plan through the center of the ship.
- Diagonals*—Lines running diagonally from center line to frame lines.
- Frame lines*—Outlines showing shape of frame of vessel.
- Water lines*—Horizontal lines parallel to the base line in the body plan; horizontal lines parallel to the base line in the sheer plan; curved lines in the half-breadth plan.

Lines (on a ship)—Wires, cords, or chalk lines from which measurements are taken.

- Center line*—A line through the center of the ship equally distant from sides or a vertical line carried up through center of ship at right angles to base line.
- Base line*—A reference line for vertical measurements at right angles to vertical center lines.
- Grade line*—A reference line established on a fixed slope or level.
- Check line*—An auxiliary reference line.

Linesman—A skilled loftman who does especially difficult work.

Lines plan—Drawing showing general outline or form of the ship.

The lines plan comprises three plans:

- Sheer plan*—A side view showing length of ship and heights of parts from keel.
- Half breadth plan*—A top view showing a horizontal or floor plan on any water line.
- Body plan*—An end view showing curves of the sides or frame lines at any point in the ship. Frame lines forward of midship section are on the right of the center line, aft of midship section, on the left of center line.

Loftman—A man who lays out and makes molds for a ship.

Lugged—A projection on deck with hole for fastening a block for a lead.

Margin—Plate connecting shell and inner bottom forming outboard boundary of inner bottom.

Marking hammer—A tool for marking rivet holes on a template with paint.

Marker—A brass pipe dipped in enamel for marking rivet holes on stock.

Marlinspike—A pointed, tapering metal tool for separating the strands of rope or cable in splicing.

Mold—A paper or wooden pattern, a template.

Midship—Center of ship.

Mold loft—A large open room on the floor of which drawings and molds of a ship are laid out full size.

Outboard—Out from center of ship.

Old man—A rig for holding a drill.

Orter—Shell plate around upper part of stern post.

Pad eye—An eye located on deck for fastening cables.

Palm—A guard for the hand used in sewing.

Panhead rivet—A rivet with a pan-shaped head.

Panting—Form of side stringer.

Passer—A man who passes rivet to the holder-on and may put it in the rivet hole.

Passing tongs—Tongs used in passing a rivet.

Plying hammer—A form of hand-riveting hammer.

Port—Left direction when facing forward end of ship.

Rally—Driving wedges 4-5 minutes.

Reverse frames—Angles at top of floor plates.

Rigging—The ropes which support masts, king posts, boat davits, etc. Also the running rigging for derrick booms, derricks, etc.

Rivet set—A tool used in calking around a rivet.

Sail needle—A heavy three-cornered needle.

Serving mallet—A tool used in serving or wrapping cord about a rope or cable.

Serving board—A tool used in the same way as serving mallet.

Scarph—A lap joint in wood or metal.

Serve board—A board or temporary floor on which the body plan of a vessel is sometimes laid out.

Shaft tunnel—Passage through which propeller shaft runs.

Sheer—The slope of a deck fore and aft.

Sheer plate—Shell plate at upper deck. The line of plating is called the "sheer strake."

Shell plating—Plating on the outside of the hull.

Side stringer—A longitudinal girder at side of ship.

Snap rivet—A rivet driven with a snap die. (Has a round or button head.)

Spread—Distance at right angles to the center line.

Spur shore—A slanting brace on either side of ship or ways.

Stanchion—A post or support, as an awning stanchion or a rail stanchion. Also applied to supports under deck beams which in structural work would be called "columns."

Staple—An angle bent around shapes and connected to plate, fitted water-tight.

Starboard—Right direction facing forward end of ship.

Step—To set in place as applied to a mast.

Stern casting or frame—A heavy steel casting or forging at stern of vessel supporting the rudder and to which the shell plate strakes are fastened.

Stowage—Everything for support and fastening, as anchor or boat stowage.

Strake—A line of plates.

Strake (closing)—A line of plates in which both edges fit over other plates.

Strut—Support for propeller tail-end shaft used on boats with more than one propeller.

Symbols—Marks of identification. Following partial list is illustrative:

- V. K. F. L. C.*—Vertical keel floor clip.
- F. L. F. R.*—Floor frame.
- F. L. S.*—Floor Stiffener.
- B. B. F. L. C.*—Bilge bracket floor clip.
- S. D. B. B.*—Second deck beam bracket.
- E. C. U. D. K. B. C.*—Engine casing upper deck beam clip.
- C. K.*—Countersink.
- C. K. T. S.*—Countersink this side.
- C. K. O. S.*—Countersink other side.

Tie plank—The fastening holding the ship from sliding down the ways.

Tie plate—Narrow deck plate for securing deck beams in place.

Toggles—Wood timbers around which rope is knotted or fastened.

Tomahawk—A tool used in finishing a rivet.

Torpedo—A steel plug forced through a pipe to expand lead tubing for lining.

Transom—Last main frame of ship attached to the stern framework.

Ways—Supports for ship at time of launching.

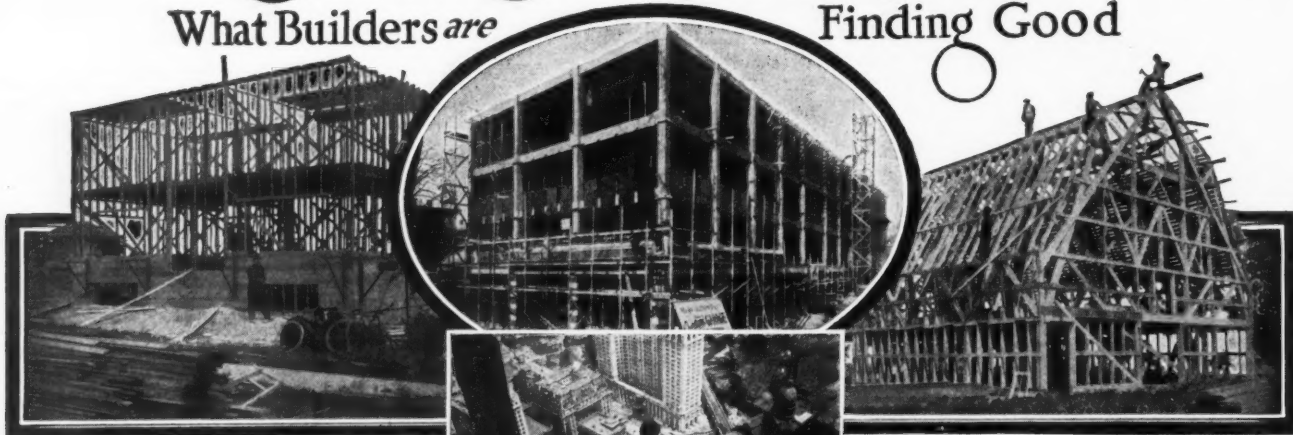
- Ground ways*—Stationary timbers.
- Sliding ways*—Timbers moving with the ship sliding over the ground ways.

Weather deck—Uppermost deck running length of ship.

Web frames—Large frames built of plates, used as stiffeners. Sometimes called "deep frames."

OUT ON THE JOB

What Builders are Finding Good



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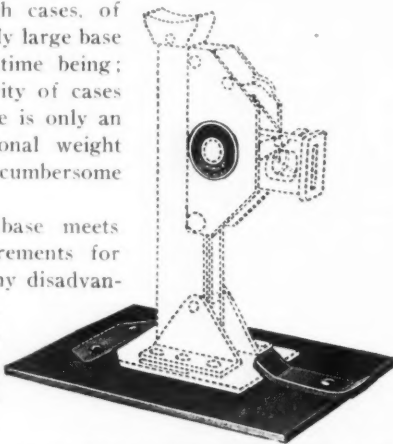
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Supplemental Base for Auto Jacks

The article herewith illustrated is just being placed upon the market. In an emergency it sometimes happens that auto jacks have to be used on very soft ground. In such cases, of course, an exceptionally large base is desirable for the time being; whereas in the majority of cases this extra size of base is only an annoyance, an additional weight to handle and always cumbersome to carry.

The supplemental base meets these occasional requirements for larger area without any disadvantages for regular use.

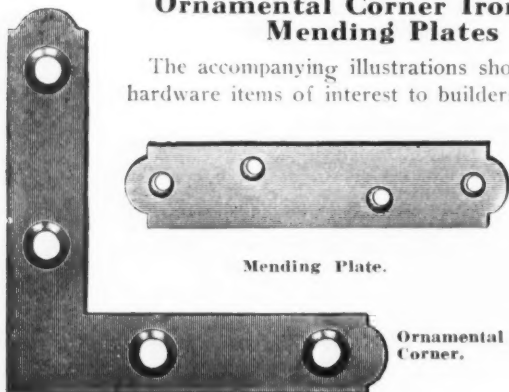
Being flat it can be carried in the bottom or against the side of any tool compartment without occupying appreciable room, and is not handled at all until needed. To attach for use, the jack is simply placed in position on the supplemental base and clamped by turning a button.



Road Soft so Jack Mires? Slip on the Broad Base.

Ornamental Corner Irons and Mending Plates

The accompanying illustrations show two new hardware items of interest to builders. One, the



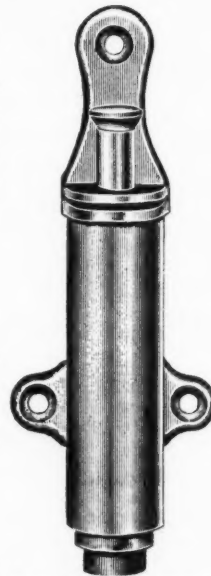
Mending Plate.

Ornamental Corner.

ornamental corner iron, as made in sizes ranging from $\frac{3}{8}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches to $1\frac{1}{2}$ by 8 inches, and is furnished in bright steel and brass plated. The other, the ornamental mending plate, can be obtained in sizes ranging from 2 to 10 inches in length, and is furnished in bright steel and brass plated. Both packed in a carton with screws to match.

A Junior Door Holder

A smaller size holder is offered, suitable for screen and other light doors. It has an absolute, non-slipping device. It is a strong, very neat and attractive holder, finished to match other builders' hardware.

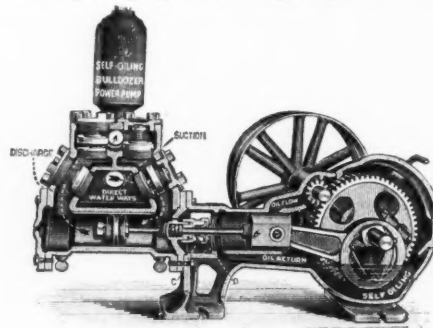


Door Holder (Three-fourths Size).

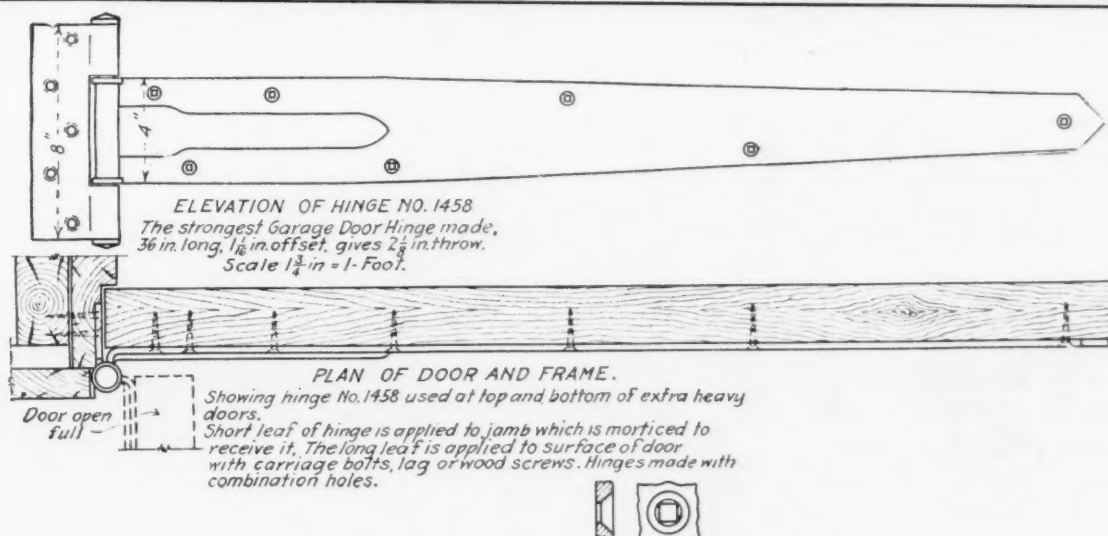
New Bulldozer Pump

An improved pump is unlike anything else on the market in that the gears are completely covered and thoroly lubricated, needing no attention in this respect aside from the rare occasion of filling the reservoir with oil. Proper measures have been taken in the construction of this pump to provide extraordinary water-ways and large valves, which, together with the self-oiling feature, permit the pump to be run faster than the other types of pump, thus giving greater capacity for the same size cylinders and stroke.

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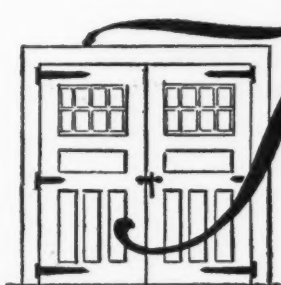


Self-Oiling Power Pump.



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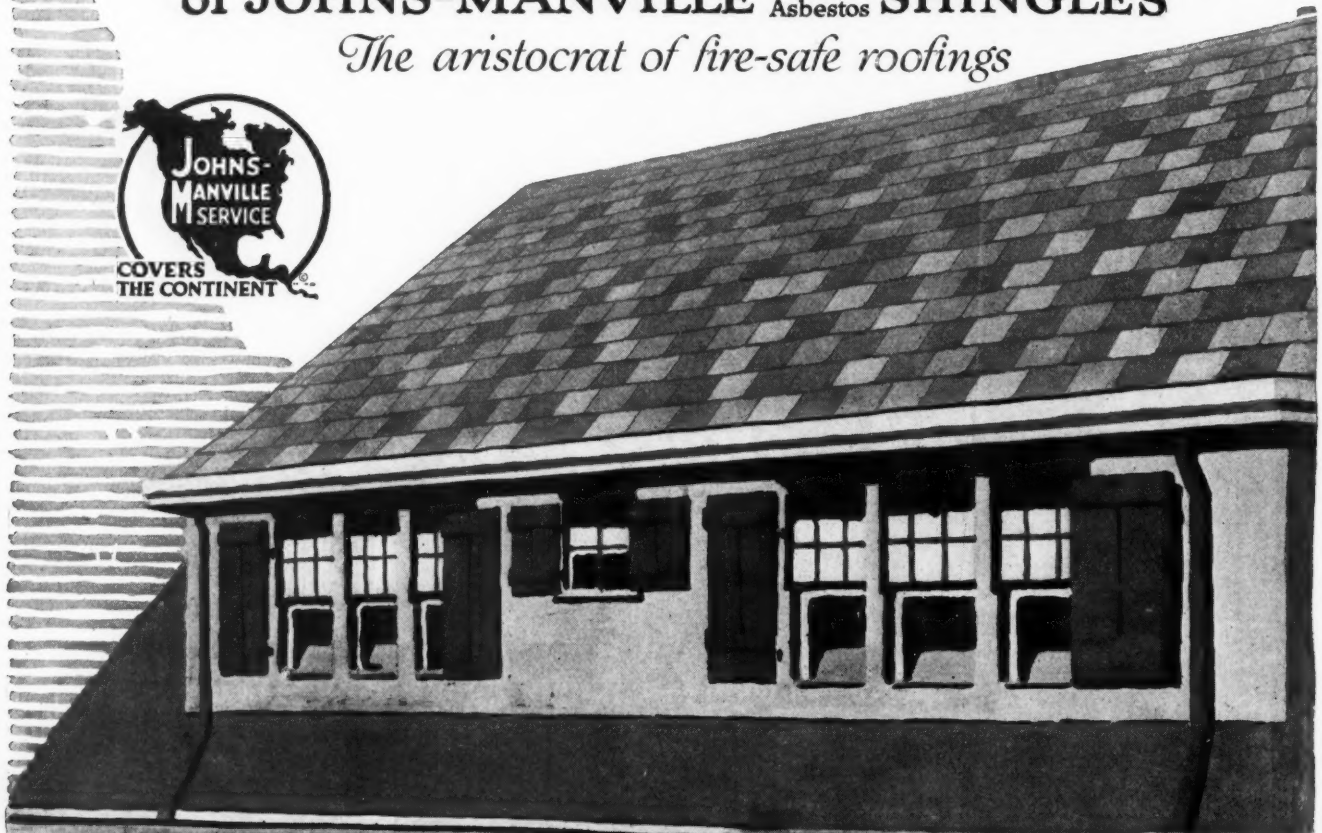
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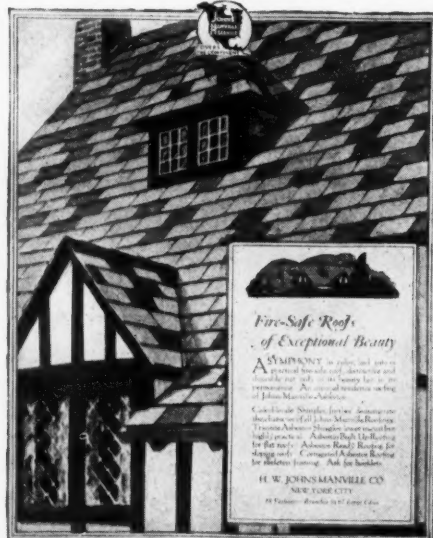
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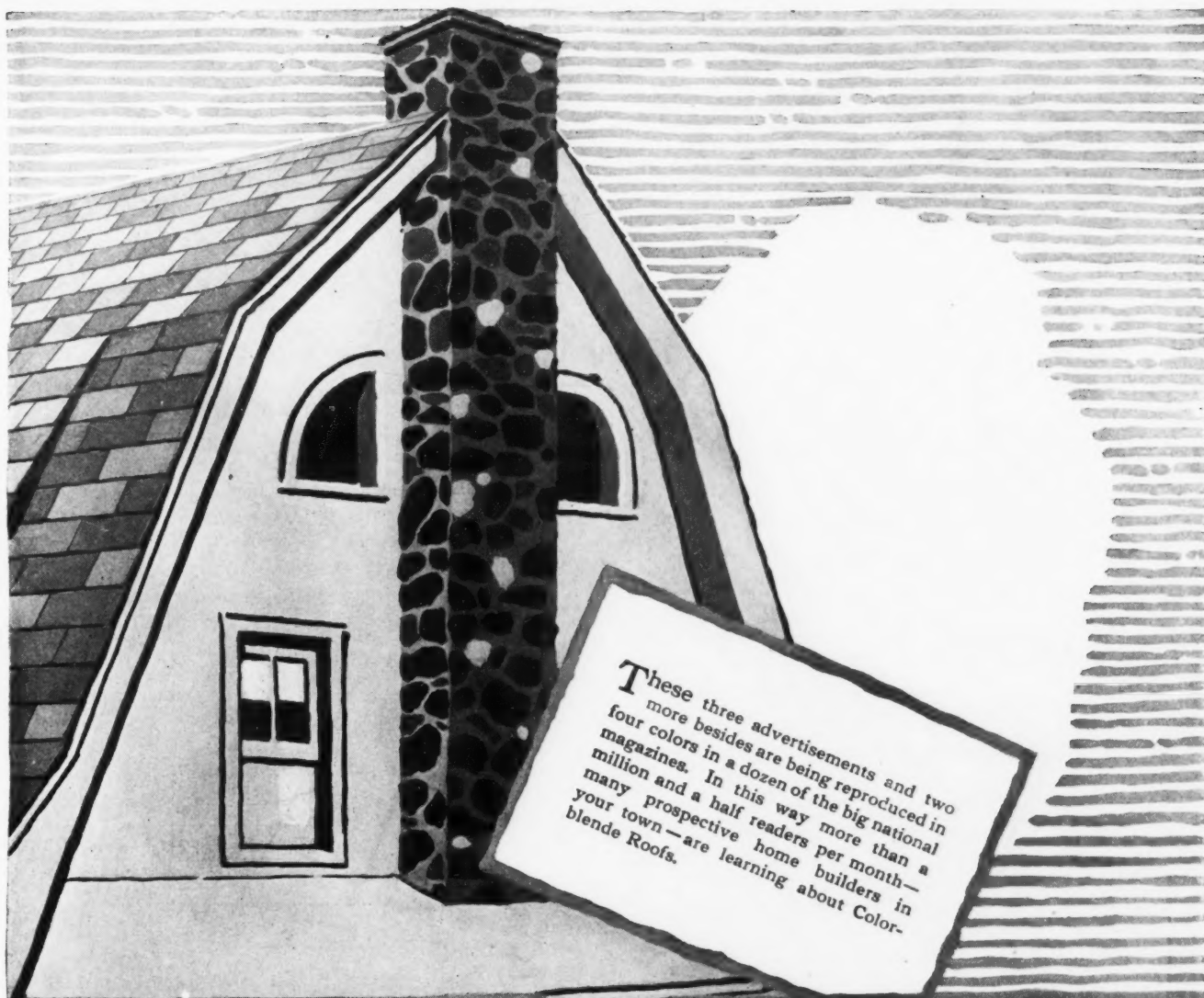
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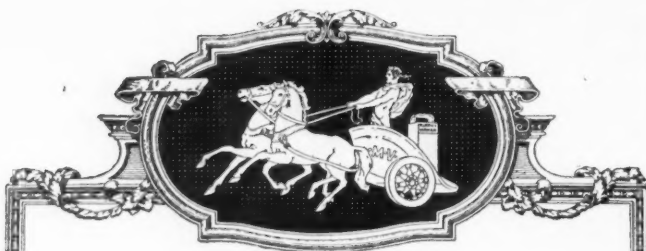
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Likes the Blue Prints

To the Editor:

E. Northport, L. I., N. Y.

The blueprinted plans you are putting in the good old AMERICAN BUILDER are fine. The blueprinting of them makes them a great deal more attractive and gives beginners a good chance to study up a set of plans, who perhaps wouldn't get the chance otherwise.

Now, there is one thing I don't quite understand in the set of plans in the April number and that is what becomes of the kitchen chimney after it leaves the first floor. It must be one of those camouflage chimneys.

I have been getting the AMERICAN BUILDER ever since 1908 and like it better every time it comes, for I think it's the finest building paper on the market.

Good luck to the AMERICAN BUILDER, and I hope you keep those blueprinted plans coming in every number.

GEO. EHRLER.

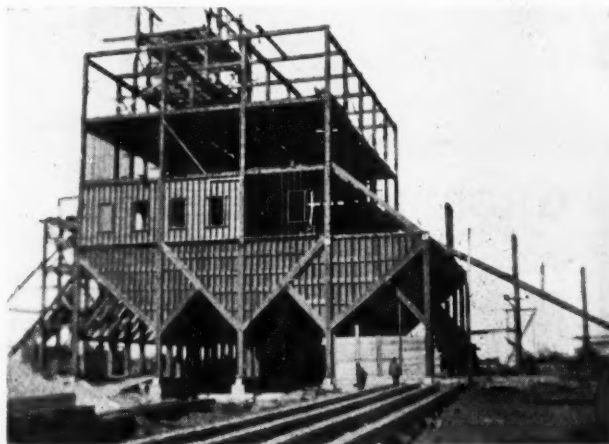


A Mine House

To the Editor:

Lyons, Kan.

Enclosed is a photo of some work that I am doing for the American Salt & Coal Company at Lyons. It is a mine



Mine Building Being Put Up by G. H. Mowery at Lyons, Kan.

building, measuring 80 feet in width by 116 feet long by 125 feet in height.

I have taken your paper from the first.

G. H. MOWERY.



Don't Wait a Whole Year Next Time

To the Editor:

Easton, Pa.

In renewing my subscription, my annual talk goes with it.

I think that nothing better has ever appeared in your correspondence columns than what has been written the past few months on jamming, hanging doors, etc. Let me add a few criticisms. One is in regard to speed. The man who can "fit, hang and lock one in 43 minutes" will supply the text.

There is a limit to human speed and endurance. The man

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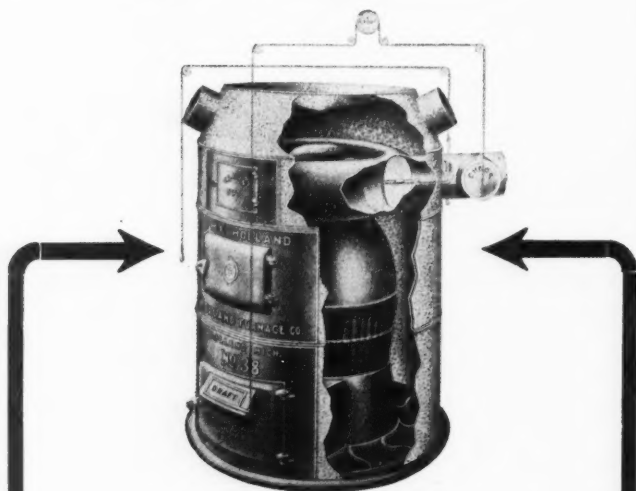
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who runs 100 yards in 10 seconds is a wonder. Has anyone ever done the trick in 7, 8 or 9 seconds? So, in all running, jumping and swimming contests, the man who lowers the records by a second or two has his photo in the papers. Carpenter work is athletic, hanging doors particularly so. Speaking for myself, I hang ten doors, size 1½ by 2x6 or 8 by 6-8 or 10, in a day of eight hours. I mention the size of the doors, as that is an important factor. One correspondent says: "A well hung door is a thing to be proud of." This means that the four edges should fit perfectly; hinged stile and lock stile should be smoothed, scraped and sanded, and door should not be "hinge bound." The man who fits and hangs one an hour should satisfy any boss. Thirty minutes for a mortise lock (where no mortising machine is used) is considered average speed here.

I am surprised, from the wealth of information given, that one writer clings to the 7-11 system of spacing the hinges. Note this: The top of upper hinge should line with lower edge of top rail. Bottom of lower hinger with upper edge of bottom rail. Try this system and note the perfect, pleasing alignment. There are so many "short cuts" in the trade, that a man voted slow by using his head is really a fast hand.

One writer says: "Use a plumb level, not a bob." I am looking, waiting and watching for some make of level which will supplant the "bob." It should be worth its weight in gold.

I feel like submitting some more craft talk, but I think I am taking space that belongs to writers who can tell it quicker and better.

FORREST REICHARD.



Wants to Turn Shipbuilder

To the Editor:

Butte, Mont.

What we want most of all now printed in your valuable paper is instructions on shipbuilding as soon as possible. Details of all kinds, telling us the names of the different parts and the methods of construction, as the greater majority of the people who want houses will not build on account of the prices of material. They will buy houses which are built cheaper than to build, so consequently we have to turn our attention to some other work.

A. P. STONE.



A Wide Barn and Some Shop Work

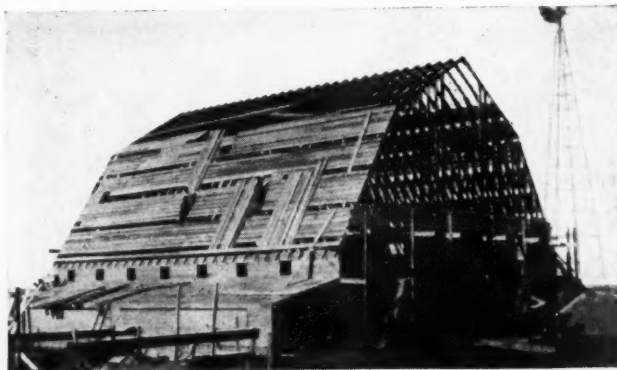
To the Editor:

Pekin, N. D.

It is a long time since you heard from me, so I am going to drop you just a few lines to let you know that I am still enjoying your paper.

I am sending you a postcard taken while we built a barn, which burnt down on October 18. The building is 58 feet wide and 70 feet long. We were eight men on the job.

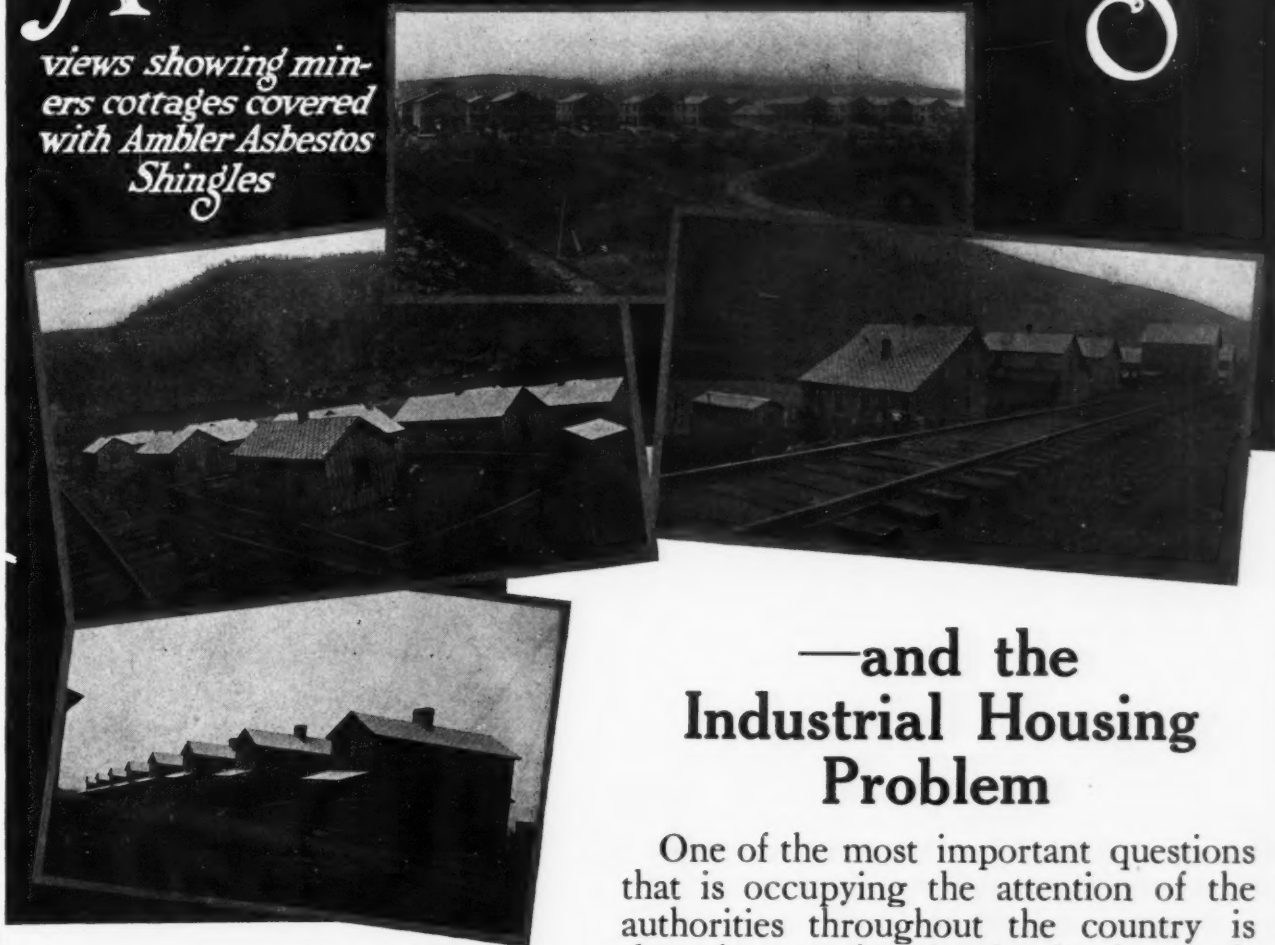
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Barn 58 by 70 Feet Built by O. S. Houge.

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—and the Industrial Housing Problem

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Carpenter Shop of O. S. Houge and Some of His Last Winter's Work.

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I am also enclosing a view of the front of my shop, showing a bunch of furniture for a schoolhouse job which we get out in the winter time when time is not so valuable.

O. S. HOUGE,
Contractor and Builder.



Wants a Glue for Celluloid

To the Editor:

Presidio of S. F., Cal.

Would you tell me what will stick or glue celluloid to wood; also what will glue celluloid to celluloid?

HARRY C. MICHAEL.

of supplementing the heat by a radiator and coil in the furnace.

In our home we have a similar problem, it being practically a double house for two families. When we talked of a pipeless furnace, the furnace man advised two pipes and two cold air return pipes. The furnace has not yet been installed; but this would seem to be the only way.

I should like to inquire how Mr. Cobb is to heat the water for kitchen and bathroom in warm weather, when the furnace is not in use? This might help to solve the other questions. He might use a kerosene, gasoline or gas heater, or stove like a laundry heater, in the bathroom, which would heat the water and warm the room also. One might have a

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More About the Pipeless Furnace

To the Editor: La Fargeville, N. Y.

In regard to the pipeless furnace question by E. W. Cobb, in your April issue, I would suggest that the hot water tank or range boiler could be either in the kitchen or bathroom, as most convenient. It could be set in the partition between the two, so as to warm both rooms, or have one in each room.

An open tank in the bathroom can be used, and will help to warm the room.

Where the pipeless or one-pipe furnace does not seem to meet all conditions it is possible to put in a small pipe, and register, to be used part of the time to give extra heat to some room as desired. There is always the method







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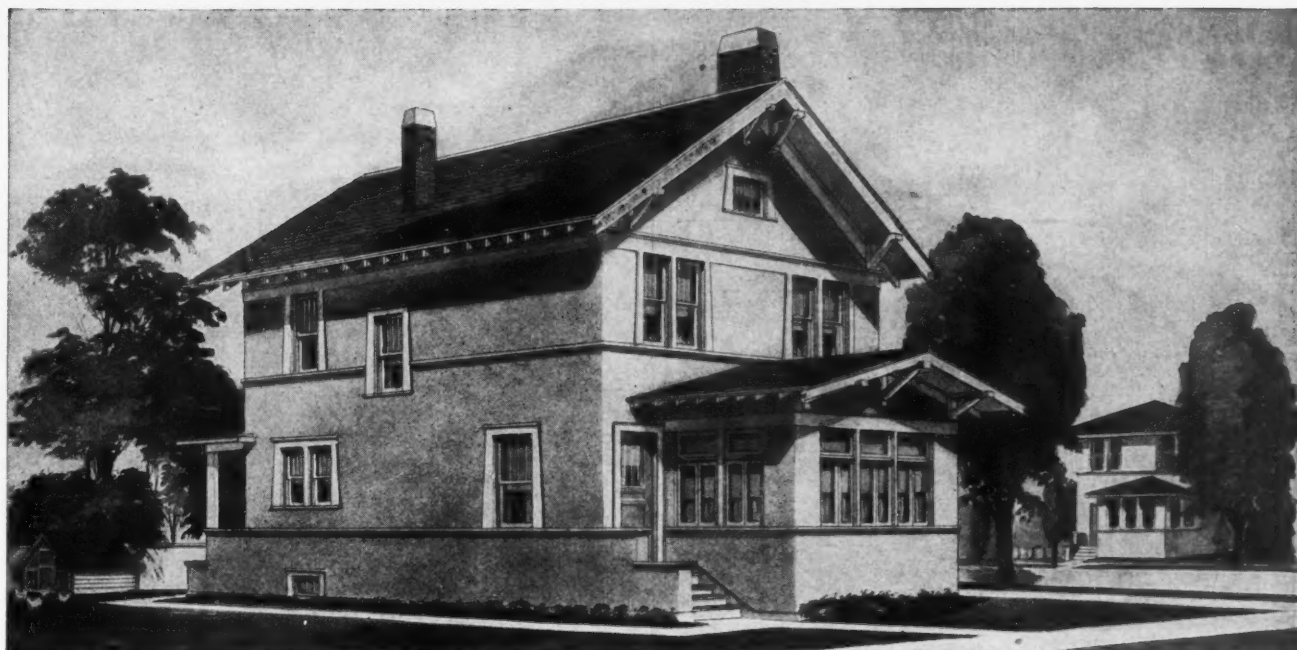
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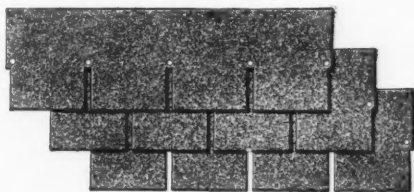
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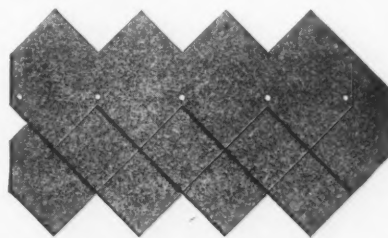




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portable oil heater which can be used in the kitchen, bathroom or any room as needed.

In conclusion, while the pipeless or one-pipe furnace is admirably adapted to some houses and their requirements for heat, like all good things, it has its limits of service and is not just the thing for an apartment house or hotel.

If we are to be limited to our coal supply and are to have winters such as the last one, it would be well to be a little ahead of the game and be prepared to use such fuel as one can get and a little more than might seem necessary just now.

The article in the April issue, page 65, and illustrations, page 130, may be of help in planning for hot water supply and getting extra heat in kitchen and bath. In fact, this problem seems to be met on page 67 of your April issue.

JOHN UPTON.



Charging for Jobbing Work

To the Editor:

Washington, D. C.

As I have entered the carpenter jobbing business, I would appreciate a few helpful points thru your Correspondence Department, if it does not take up too much of your valuable time.

In doing work where the material is supplied by the owner, what is considered a reasonable charge per hour with wages in this locality at 62½c, and some are paying 65c to carpenters? Is there any gain in my buying the material instead of the owner? If so, where? Some of my customers only pay me for the time the men are on the job and I have to lose the time they travel from one job to the other. How about this? Should I simply refuse to do their work?

I would appreciate a little help from someone who knows.

WM. CARDWELL,

Carpenter and Builder.



Wants to Bind His Magazines

To the Editor:

South Fork, Sask., Can.

"Kicks from a Good Kicker," are extremely good as regards keeping advertisements separate from reading matter; and then at the end of the year have for sale a good, strong binder for the magazine.

About brick work, as you are AMERICAN BUILDER perhaps Kicker made a mistake by writing and asking you to leave it for the masons. Kicker is a selfish man.

J. SAMOUILLAN.



Wants Adjustable Weights

To the Editor:

Lemoyne, Pa.

I wish to make a suggestion to the manufacturers thru the columns of the AMERICAN BUILDER, which I think will be of some benefit to our builders. For various reasons, it often occurs that sash weights are either too heavy or too light. If too heavy they sometimes can be broken off a little, but to increase the weight without going sometimes a long distance to the hardware store to purchase heavier weights, is a difficult matter.

I think it would be a good idea if the manufacturers would make, say half-pound or pound weights with a hole thru the center large enough for the sash cord to pass thru, and if the large weight is too light, just place a sufficient number of the small weights on top of the large one to give the required weight. Only a short time ago I had occasion to hang sash in a twin window requiring 1¾-inch weights, and of course, the four weights in the middle weight box, which was only 3¼ inches wide, filled the box full, without any

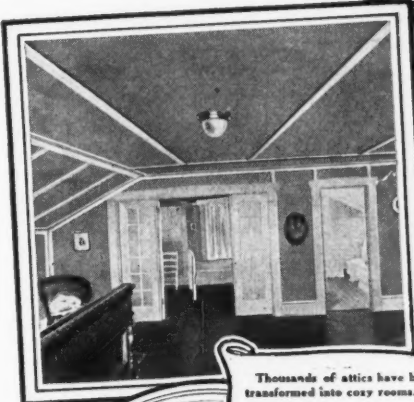
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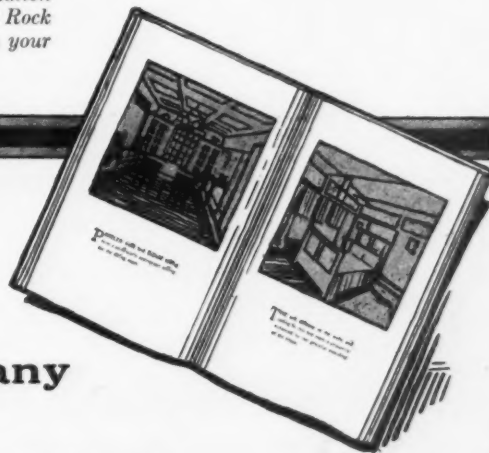
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room for working. About the only thing to be done was to get a weight $\frac{1}{4}$ inch less in diameter, which was too light, and I wrapped sheet lead around the cord above the weight to give it the required weight. This sheet lead cost me 75 cents for two weights. If I had had a few small weights, as I suggested, I might have done the work quicker and saved the owner some money. I think a few small weights, as I suggest, always on hand, would help out quite often.

F. E. KENNEDY.



How Do You Use Cobble Stones?

To the Editor:

Would like to have details of cobble stone construction.

Lucerne, Ind.

E. A. SIDERS.

A Canadian Rink Frame

Campbellton, N. B., Can.

To the Editor:

I am sending you a photo of the plank frame of a skating rink I built in Campbellton. The size of this building is 76 by 200 feet; ice surface 62 by 175 feet. This building was destroyed by fire in 1911 and I rebuilt it in 1912.

If you can find space in your always improving "Builder," it may be of some interest to the readers and call their attention that Canada is on the map and we trust with Uncle Sam's help in this great war to share the praise of an honorable victory. With best wishes.

W. H. WALLACE,

Contractor and Builder.



Gothic Roofs for Barns

LaFargeville, N. Y.

To the Editor:

To help T. P. Decker, of South Dakota, in your April issue, who asks about the Gothic roofs for barns, and to answer questions asked by E. G. Opitz and others who might be interested:

Trusses for this kind of a roof, called a "Gothic," "Curved," or "Barrel" roof are some different from those for gambrel roofs, having more layers, shorter pieces, on a curve, and having no braces except at bottom and top; and are entirely above the plate, like those of the braced rafter construction.

The frame up to the plate is the same as for any roof. The plate should be doubled, 2 by 6 or wider, and while there does not seem to be much thrust or tendency to spread

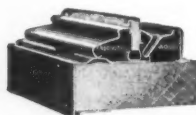
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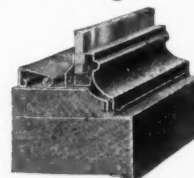
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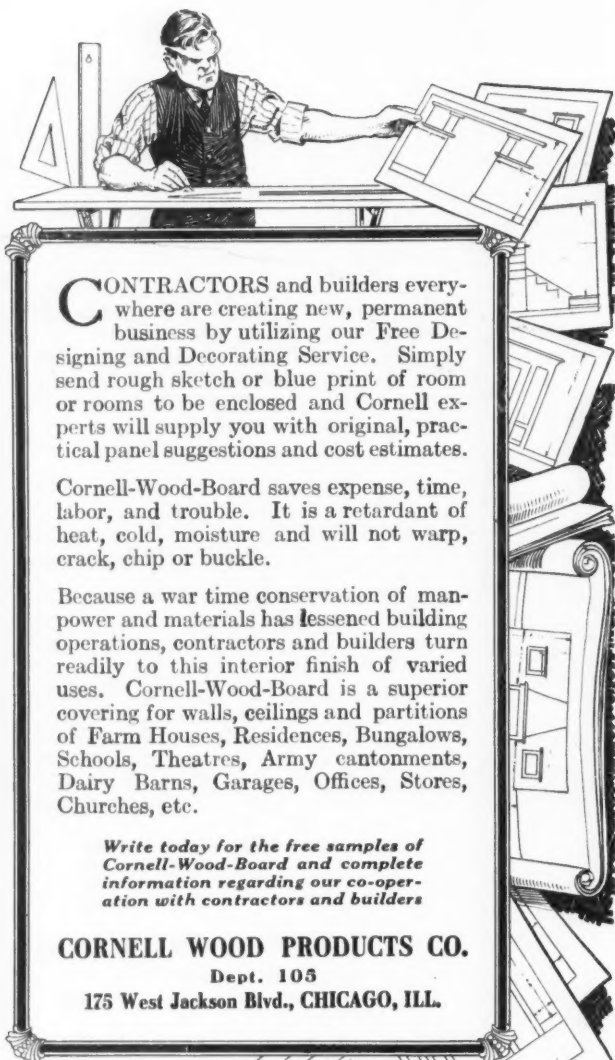
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at the eaves, I would suggest that as a precaution one could spike a 2 by 4 on top of the plate at the outside, and notch the trusses to fit onto and inside this, or if the stuff is wide enough the truss could have a shoulder to come down inside the plate.

Of course, the braces running up from the floor joists will help; but for wide spans there may well be some surplus strength, tho I do not see any reason why this roof cannot be used for a wide span, provided the material is heavy enough.

The radius for getting the curve is commonly taken as about three-fifths the width of the barn. On the 30-foot span this would be 18 feet, on a 36-foot, about 21 feet. Forty feet would give 24-foot radius. Forty-five feet gives 27 feet as the height of the peak above the plate.

The curve is generally made from a point level with the plate, but in the February issue it seems to be taken lower down, but still brings the peak up to a good height, because the radius used is more than three-fifths the span; in fact, three-fourths. In all cases the peak is higher than with a half pitch roof. The extra height comes down next to the plate where the roof is almost perpendicular. There cannot be much outward thrust on the lower part of the roof and above this the weight will help to overcome it.

There is a way to figure out the curve of the rafter by a formula, but the most of us, when we have it figured out, would want to prove it out life size, so we may as well get it that way at first. Supposing that the loft floor in the barn is laid or that we have any floor available. Draw a line square across it. From one end of this line measure the span of the roof; that is, the width from plate to plate. Divide this into five equal parts and take three of them. Use a line equal to three-fifths of the span and strike a curve, using a piece of chalk or a pencil to mark with. This gives you the curve for the rafter.

These rafters can be made of two or three layers of 2-inch plank, or four or more layers of inch boards, according to which you can get most readily and can work to best advantage. The length does not matter so much, but they had best be as long as will work well. They can be ripped out by hand or sawed with a band saw, or the corners may be hewed off. Page 52 of your April issue gives one idea, the February issue gives us another.

The sub-rafters between the trusses may be strips of 1 by 3 or 1 by 4 resting on purlins of 2 by 4 set between the trusses and dropped below them to the thickness of the strips, or the rafters may be built up of three or four layers of narrow strips (1 by 2 or 1 by 3 on the flat), which have been built up on the outer curve of the truss and nailed together while sprung to the right shape. These should be cut an inch short at the top to allow for a 2-inch ridge piece set in between the trusses. Where the rafters are built up the purlins are not used, tho it might be well to put in one or two rows, even tho they were in flat.

The cuts at the top and foot of the rafters are easily found by laying out a pattern full size on the floor, or if one prefers a straight rafter can be made of the length and pitch required to get the same height peak, and used for a pattern.

The foot cut is level and the top cut square with it or plumb, no matter what shape the rafters may be between them. Mr. Opitz sets the truss out $\frac{3}{4}$ inch beyond the plate so the sub-rafter can be nailed against the edge of the plate. This is almost necessary where one uses a single strip, as he does, and is all right where more strips are used and purlins omitted, but the rafter must be made accordingly.

I notice that both designs call for a 2 by 8 brace from

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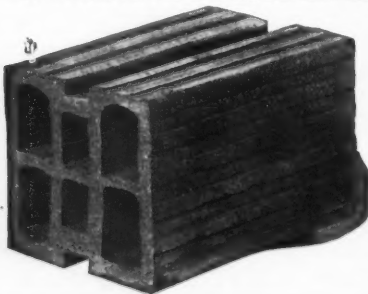
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truss to floor joist. Mr. Opitz runs his up higher and a little slanting. I don't think it need be so long. I think two 1 by 8 boards would be better than one 2 by 8, or would use 2-by-5's. Should want one on each side of each end of each truss.

Another point (February design), floors joists are notched to rest on 2-by-4's spiked to the girder. I do not think this is as strong as when put on top. Surely it does not give as strong a tie across the barn. If one compares designs in February and April issues, one will get ideas which the writer has omitted.

How did he get the picture on page 50 of the April issue? (Answer: From top of silo.)

Is there a mistake where it says "three feet thick"? (Answer: Yes. It should be three plank thick or three thicknesses of plank, according to detail on page 52.)

JOHN UPTON.



Wants to Roof Concrete Stave Silo

To the Editor:

Timewell, Ill.

I have been a reader of your magazine for almost two years and find it a great help to our trade in many ways. I would like to have some information on how to frame a gambrel roof on a concrete stave silo. The silo is 16 feet in diameter. Would like to hear from any of the brother carpenters who have done this kind of work. I want to know how the roof can be framed on the narrow walls, which are only 2 inches thick and be made secure.

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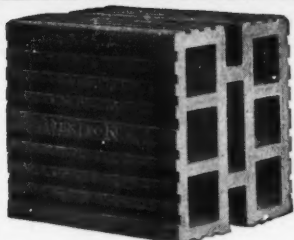
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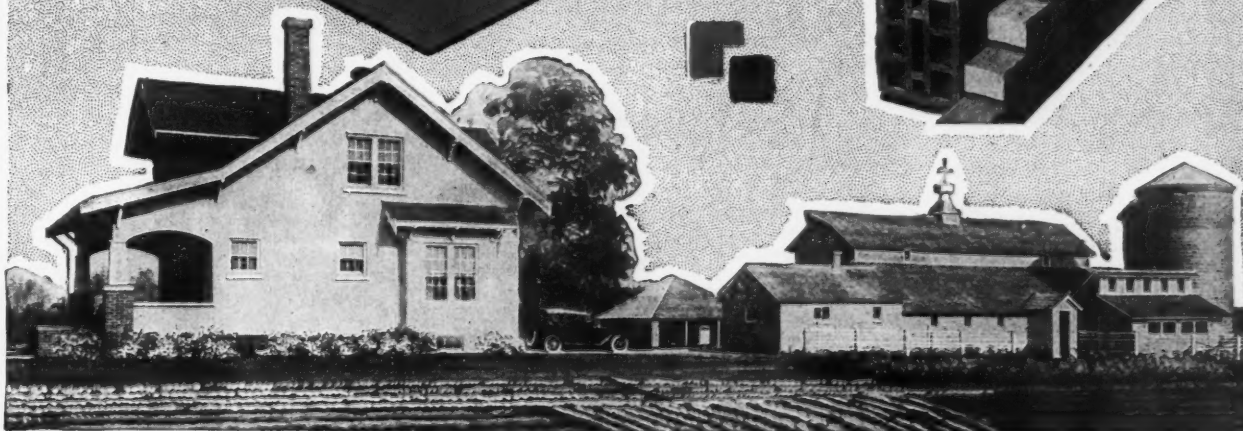
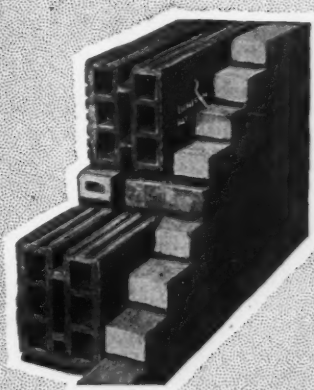
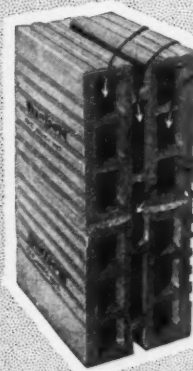
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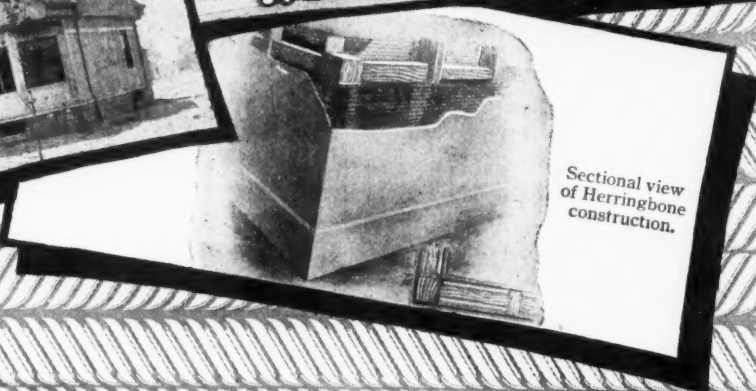
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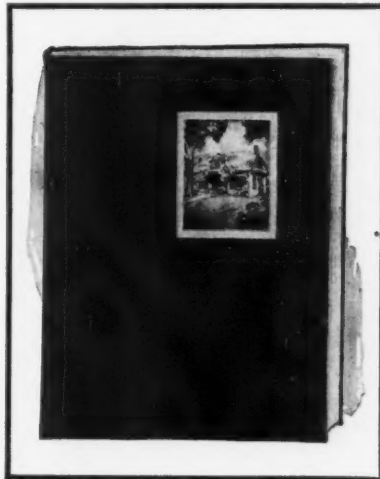
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By George A. Kissel
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In addition, the army will need enormous quantities of lighter standardized trucks and thousands of those built according to the manufacturers' individual designs. Many of these also have been ordered during the recent months of 1917.

Military Use of Highways

For years the automobile has been fostering good roads, and now you may truthfully say whatever good highways we have are mobilized for war uses.

The Highways Transport Committee of the Council of National Defense, of which Roy D. Chapin of Detroit is chairman, is sending pathfinder cars over various routes from the central states to the coast, at the request of the Quartermaster's Department, to find the most feasible roads for sending overland the government's standardized trucks. If this plan goes thru, it will be the first great military use of the highways. No doubt there will be much inspiration in seeing these truck trains, with their personnel of soldiers, passing thru the country. Just now the National Highways Association is fathering a system of 50,000 miles of national highways, which would serve 84,000,000 people.

Another feature of road mobilization is prospective legislation fathered by the American Automobile Association and the American Association of State Highway Officials for a marginal national highway around the border of the United States with various radial highways, to facilitate movement of troops, equipment, munitions and supplies in times of war or peace. Altogether, motordom mobilized looms big and formidable in our program of war.

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Military Roads Needed

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our larger centers and in the construction of these highways, motor trucks will be extensively used. Then the motor truck becomes an increasingly important factor not only in relieving railroad congestion, but in rushing to economical completion a net work of permanent highways.

The American farmer has been appealed to from every side to increase his crops that the world may be supplied with food and that the price may be kept down. Yet not a bushel of grain nor a pound of meat is grown in this country that does not, at some time in its journey from the point of production to the point of ultimate consumption, pass over some of our American highways on its way to the railroads.

As we were unprepared in shipping and in railway requirements, in munitions and war supplies, so were we also unprepared in the physical condition of our highways for this sudden transformation of trade. But as we have met the other and greater problems so can we meet and solve this one.

Build Highways to Fit Traffic

Thoroughly organized freight and express service might well be adopted by those communities suffering from freight congestion, utilizing the motor truck for the collection of raw materials and the delivery of finished products within a radius of 100 to 150 miles. In fact, this is the immediate purpose to which the recently appointed Highways Transport Committee of the National Council of Defense are giving their attention. The motor truck is not today a vehicle of cities and towns; we see it on every road in the country, improved or otherwise, but in order to realize the maximum from freight haulage via motor trucks, the highways should be built to stand the traffic.

Inter-city haulage of commodities is not an experiment. Its practicability has been established and when the schedule provides for the truck carrying a capacity load on its return trip, such haulage has proved to be a profitable investment.

The federal officials are being urged to declare road-building a war necessity and to formulate a definite plan that will nationalize the work thruout the country. The needs of the federal government might require the designation of certain main roads that are of military or strategic importance to be national roads. Congress should provide that the links and gaps in the roads should be improved at once with all the resources and funds available for that purpose by the federal government. If needed, it should be provided that all bridges and culverts be strengthened for carrying heavy guns and other large loads. Congress might further designate as a secondary system those roads of primary importance to the industrial centers of the various states.

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"Whereas, The public highways offer a good, prompt and economical means to supplement transportation by rail and water, therefore

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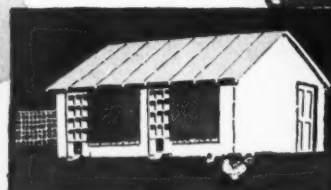
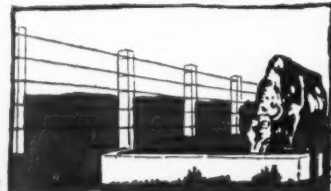
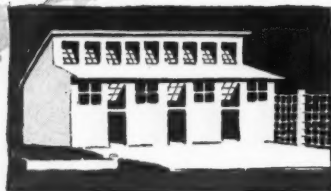
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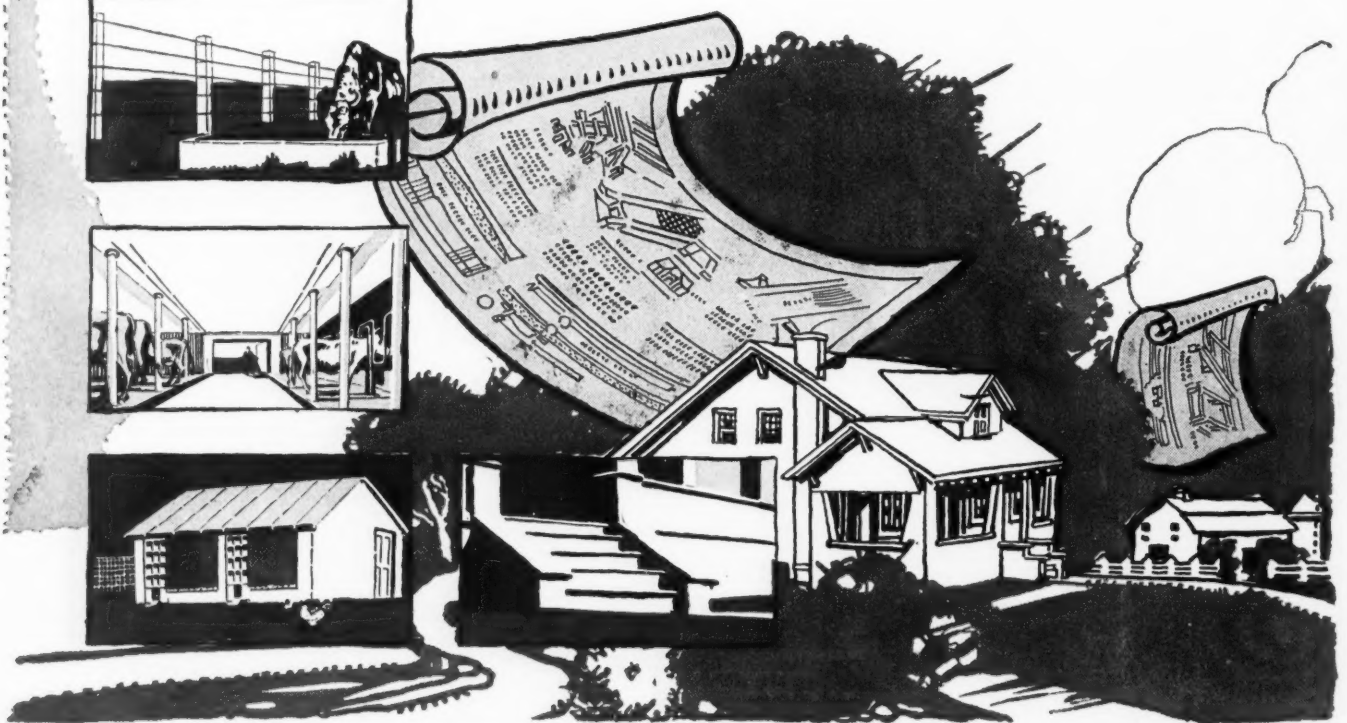
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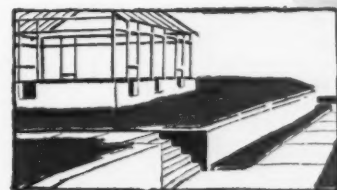
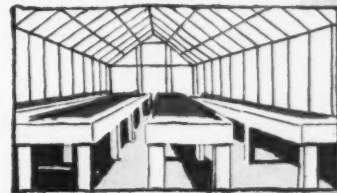
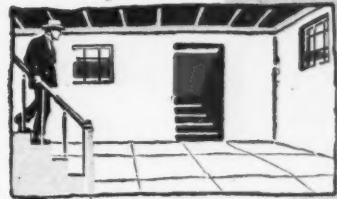
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Military Roads Needed Connecting Our Larger Cities

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lic highways is important and should be forwarded in every proper way."

Motor trucks are ready at hand; the roads of the nation must be immediately developed and improved. A federal highway board is urgently needed.

American motor truck manufacturers are "doing their bit" in co-operating in every possible way with the federal government and should at the same time continue to use their every influence toward urging the speedy construction of hard surfaced roads between our largest cities during the spring of 1918.



Raise a Pig

THIS year everyone who has a bit of land should raise a pig—as many more as possible. On every farm, large or small, on the small suburban estate, even in the city backyard, there is room to raise enough pigs, in the aggregate, to entirely put an end to the present pork shortage which, according to government reports, is rapidly increasing.

As a rule, a pig can be raised on what is thrown away by the average family, together with what it can grub for itself. It amounts then to converting waste material into valuable food products, at practically no outlay for labor and, on the basis of present pork prices, at a very considerable profit.

Now is no time for being over-finicky. A pig, properly raised, is no more objectionable than a cat. One is a producer—a direct assistance in winning the war; the other is a parasite that serves no useful purpose whatever. We are limiting our industries to essentials. Why not apply the same rule to our domestic economics?

Many towns and cities have already suspended ordinances prohibiting the keeping of pigs. All others should do likewise. Our duty to the nation is clear.

On farms hog production can, and must, be greatly increased. When labor conditions prevent the raising of crops requiring a large amount of hand labor, hog raising fits in admirably. The same applies to land that is partially cleared. Much of the feed can be furnished by easily grown pasture crops that can be harvested by the hogs themselves.

At the present time, thousands of immature hogs are being marketed every day. At the same time we have a great surplus of soft corn, which is good only for feed purposes. Both represent a great economic loss to the nation and a considerable financial loss to the farmer. By keeping the immature hogs on the farm and feeding them on soft corn, they would soon develop into standard animals and bring very satisfactory market prices, with profit to the farmer and a substantial increase in the country's pork production.

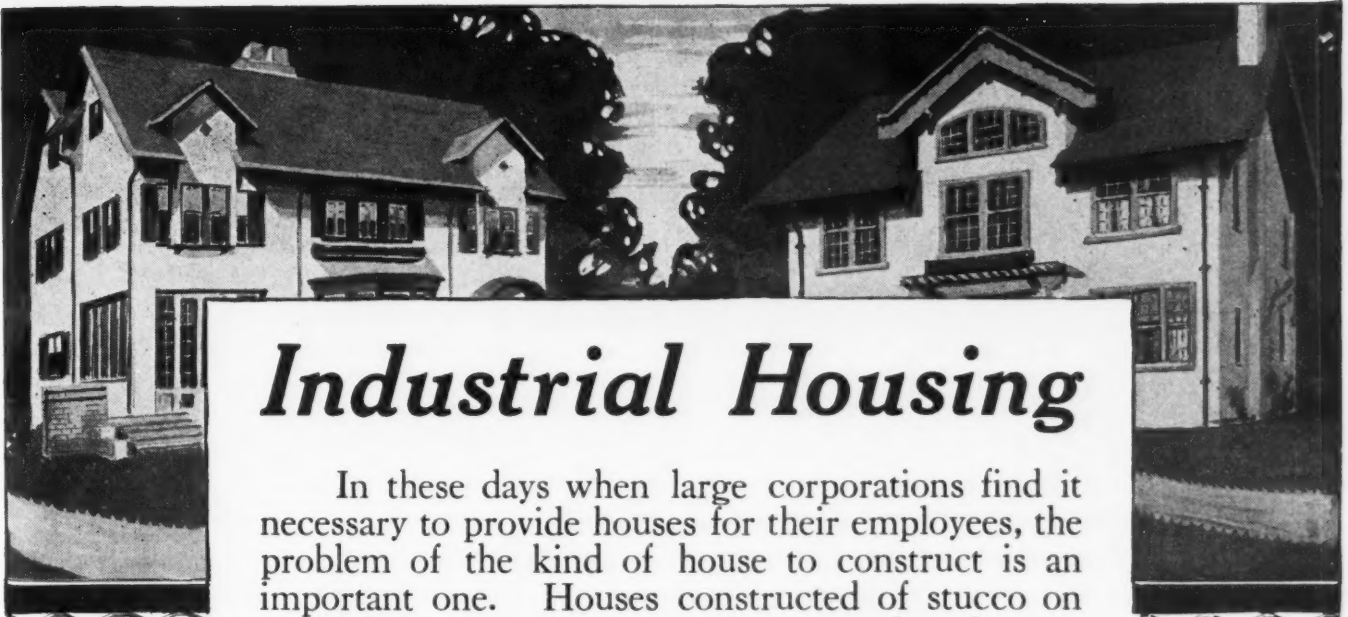
The 1917 corn crop exceeded that of 1916 by 500,000,000 bushels. Even making allowances for the corn that will be used for flour to make up the wheat shortage, there is an increase of over 950,000,000 bushels of cereals of all kinds available for feed over 1916. This tremendous surplus ensures an adequate supply of feed and also reasonable prices for those who must purchase grain.

If we do not take energetic steps to increase our pork production, we will have a still more acute shortage of pork products and even higher prices for hams, bacon and lard will prevail.

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THE successful man is always busy whether he feels like it or not. Any man can work when he feels like it.



Industrial Housing

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Bids, Bidders and Bidding

By G. Alexander Wright

Architect, San Francisco.

TO bid or not to bid? That is the question—whether it is better to be idle and save money, or take a job and lose it?

Is it any use to figure? That is the perplexing question of today for the competent and careful bidder, for he knows that the more competent and careful he is, the less chance he has of competing and getting a job with any profit in it. It certainly looks as if our present estimating methods are a failure from the bidder's standpoint. What is to be done?

Is it that there are not jobs enough to go around? Or, are there too many bidders? And are they too aggressive, too eager for the good of the business? One thing is certain, that so-called competition among the building industry has degenerated largely into cut-throat practices, and trade destruction.

If bids to owners are so low that the contractor is unable to make a profit legitimately, what happens, and whose fault is it? Is it the owner's? Is it the architect's? We think not. It is well known that many architects do not favor such conditions. They will, when about to invite bids, prepare their list of bidders, say eight responsible and well-known contractors, sufficient competition surely, one would think (especially as the owner is not paying for the time and

study these eight men will give to his plans and specifications). Then see what happens! First the subs get wind of it, then the material men; these tell their friends, their customers and other material men that such and such an office is taking figures on a job. Those in the game know what follows. By the time bids are actually received the architect is unwillingly swamped with bids, good, bad and indifferent. Probably fifteen or twenty. The usual result is that the better, or rather more competent type of contractor, is badly beaten by the "uninvited" bidders, who force their way in and crowd them out, by submitting ridiculously low bids, based, generally speaking, upon incorrect quantities, and not incorrect prices.

Such methods destroy what the better class of architects seek, viz.: "legitimate" competition. Where, in the name of common sense, is the logic of this? Nobody is benefited by such methods, not even the uninvited bidders themselves. Such men, however, are largely responsible for the ruinous and demoralized condition of the building business today. These men will beg almost for the chance to figure a job, regardless of anything. There are architects who realize the conditions and will try and stand such bidders off.

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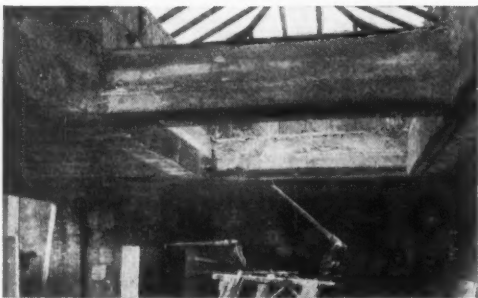
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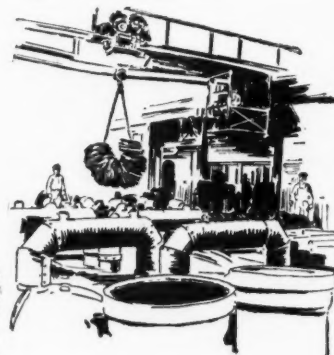


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This illustration shows the use of Excelsior Wire Lath in connection with iron furring. The lath is carried around the face of the skylight opening and around the bottom of the concrete beam. A smooth, uniform, solid plaster surface being the result.

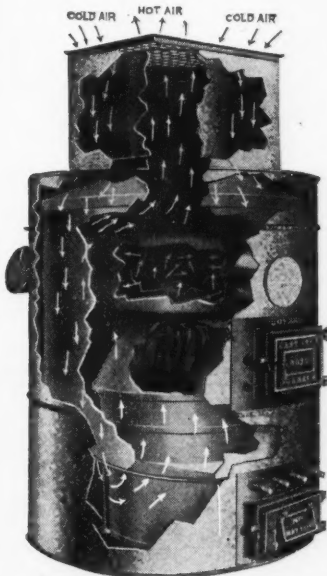
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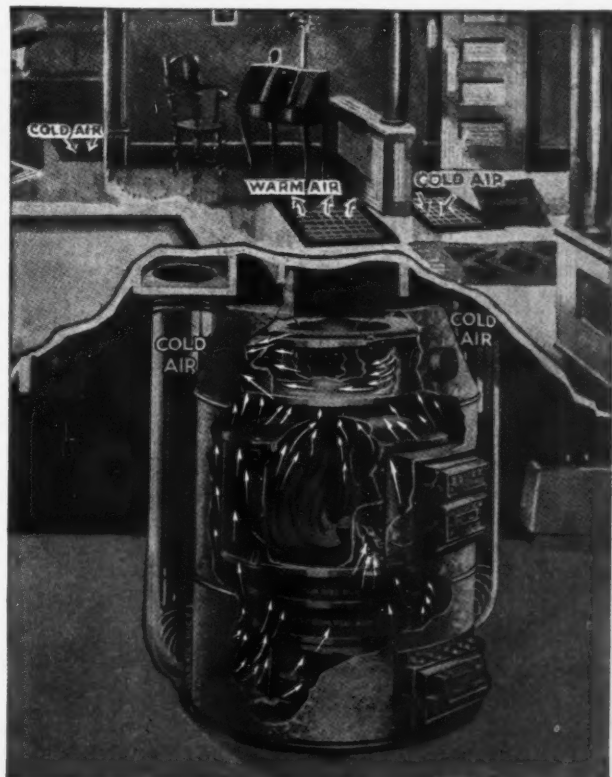
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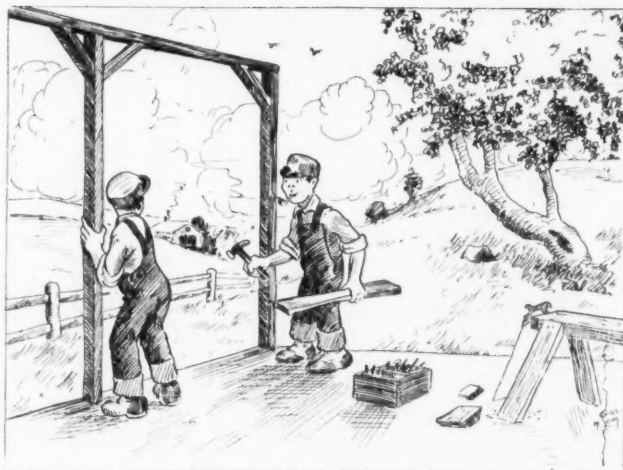
Bids, Bidders and Bidding

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at the risk of making an enemy. But it is no use. They take it as a personal affront if refused. Sometimes other means have to be adopted, to save these bidders from themselves, to save them wasting their time, but this is seldom appreciated.

Some way must be found of identifying this kind of bidders, if they belong to an organization, and of convincing them of their folly, and of the great injury they do the building business as a whole. Should this prove insufficient, then other means might be adopted. Something must be done, and soon. That is certain.

It is so easy to blame architects for the conditions, but the truth is the remedy lies among the bidders themselves. If the latter want a square deal, they can get it. If they want better conditions, it is within their power to get them. But they must act, and co-operate. Other objectionable features of present loose practices are a source of inconvenience to the architects, the majority of whom would appreciate better methods among contractors. If the architect selects a sufficient number of bidders for a job, why should bidders compel them, almost, to increase their list two and three fold? Then there are the numerous and entirely unnecessary interruptions the architect experiences answering inquiries after bids are opened. Not from the bidders originally selected, nor even from the uninvited bidders, but from the almost endless number of sub-bidders, specialty men, material



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men who have given figures to the bidders, and who afterwards keep the architect's office busy answering inquiries about the bids, instead of getting their information direct from the bidders for whom they figure. Even if bids are to be opened at a fixed time in the presence of bidders, it is found that even this does not obviate these objectionable features, as it certainly should.

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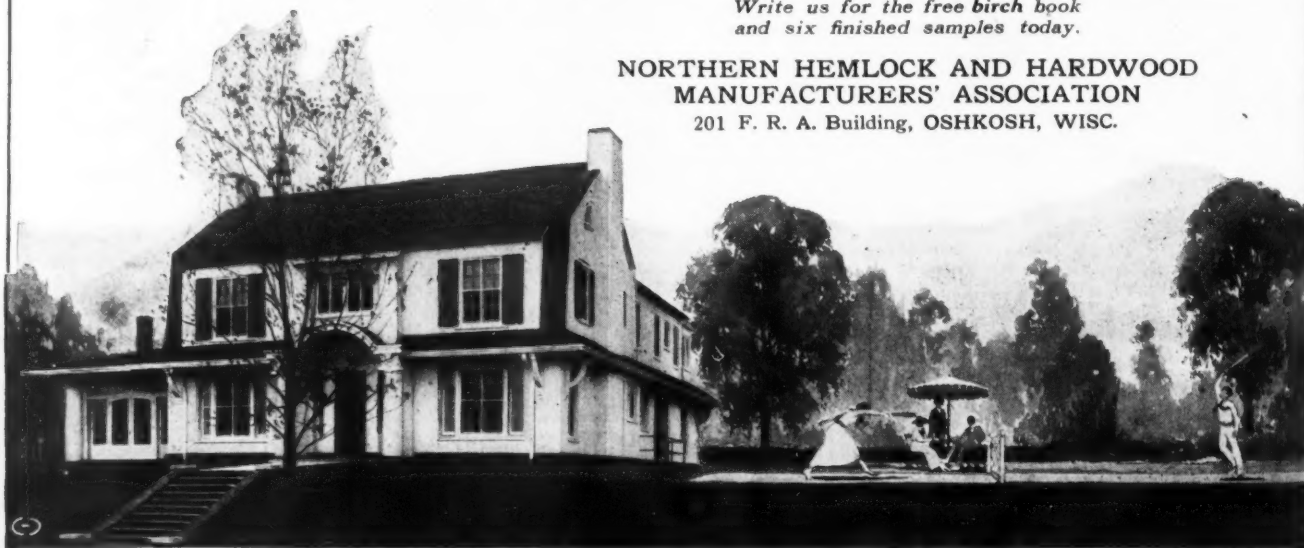
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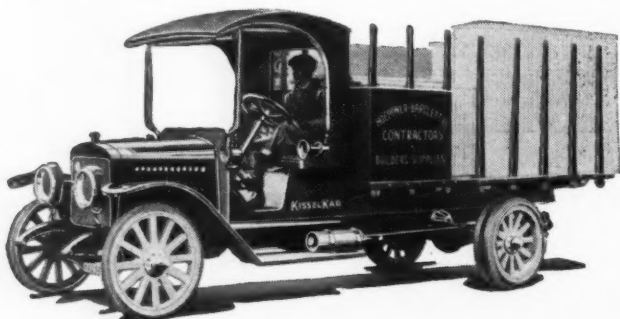


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By JAMES H. COLLINS

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It is good business, good patriotism, and good conservation to forget most of the headlines in the morning paper and concentrate strictly upon the long, hard grind between today and the final result. That will save your spirit, buck up your resolution, and enable you to do your utmost in winning the war.

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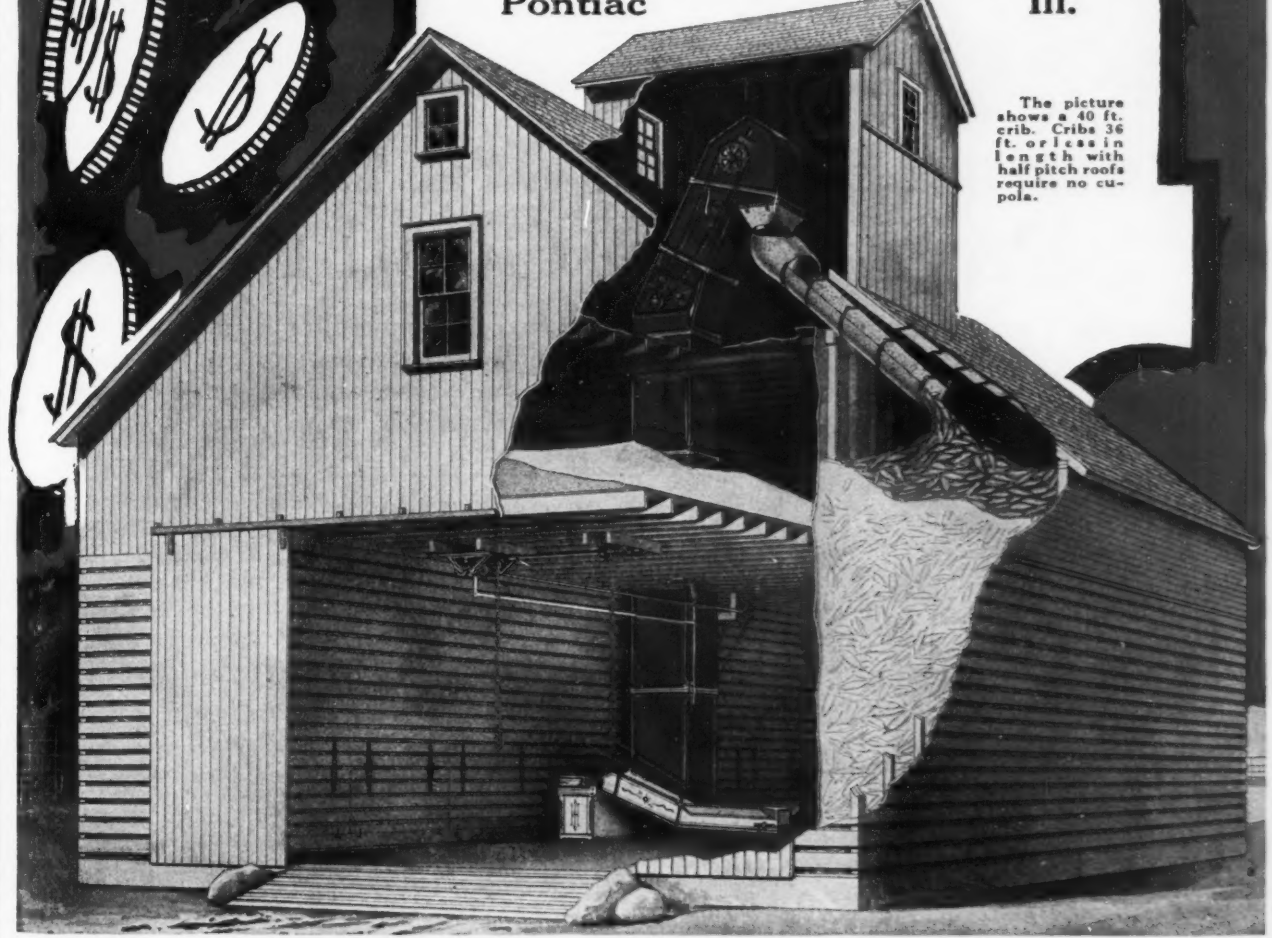
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By ALBERT MARPLE

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Some Why's on Prepared Roofing

By H. J. BLACKLIDGE

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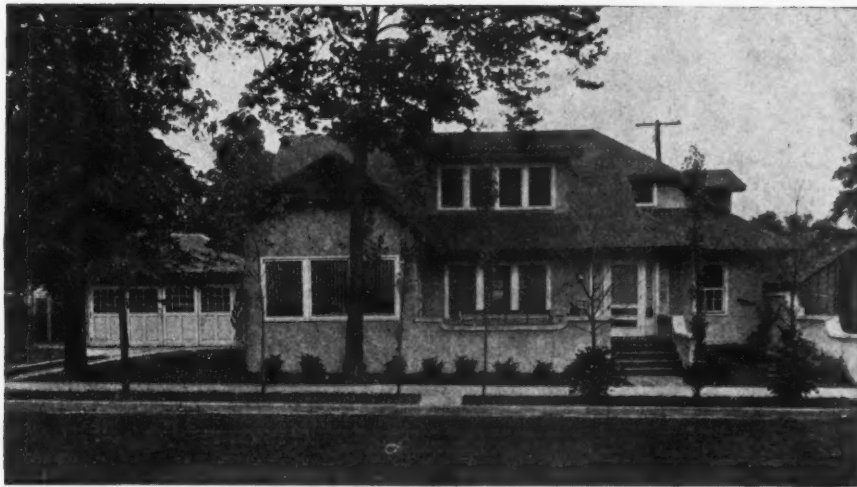
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Some Why's On Prepared Roofing

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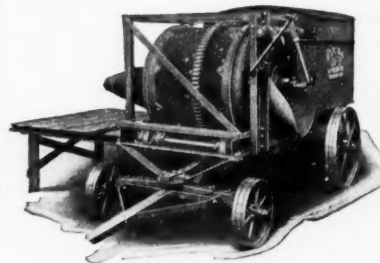
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British Government to Aid Housing After War

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The housing authorities of Great Britain recommend that special action be taken to secure the cutting and seasoning without delay of timber in Newfoundland, Canada, other parts of the empire, and in the United States, so that this material may be ready for building purposes as soon as the war closes. It is suggested that the ships which engage in the return of war material to the United States may well carry a great deal of timber for reconstruction purposes on the journey to Europe.

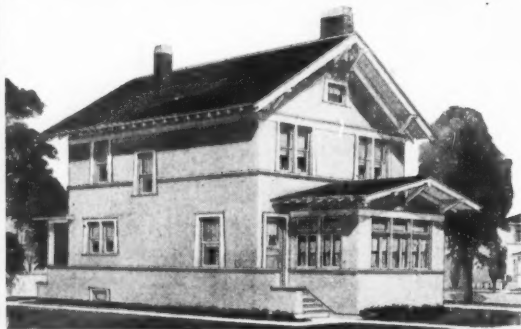
The National Housing and Town Planning Council at a recent conference at Leamington, England, adopted a very complete report dealing with all features of the housing question, such as materials to



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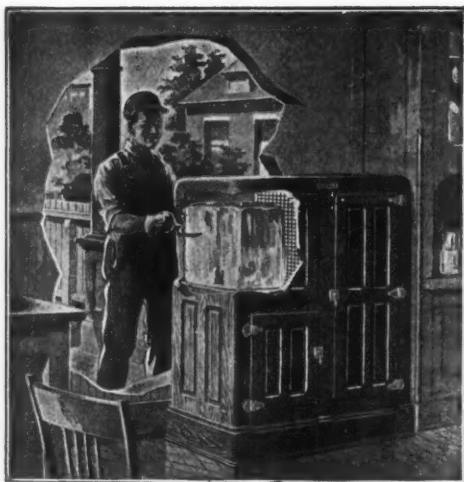
be used, planning of both rural and urban houses, the possibilities of standardization of construction, etc., etc. The conference went on record as expressing the belief that with the exercise of architectural skill in designing, the cost of a well designed and well planned cottage need not be substantially greater than that of the "brick box" in a row built abutting on a street. The council is making plans for a much more attractive and healthier type of cottage than heretofore, and while recognizing the usefulness of standardization in the production of component parts of

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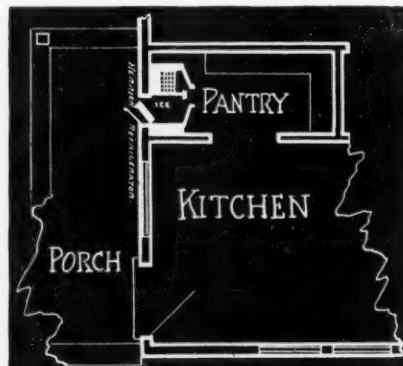
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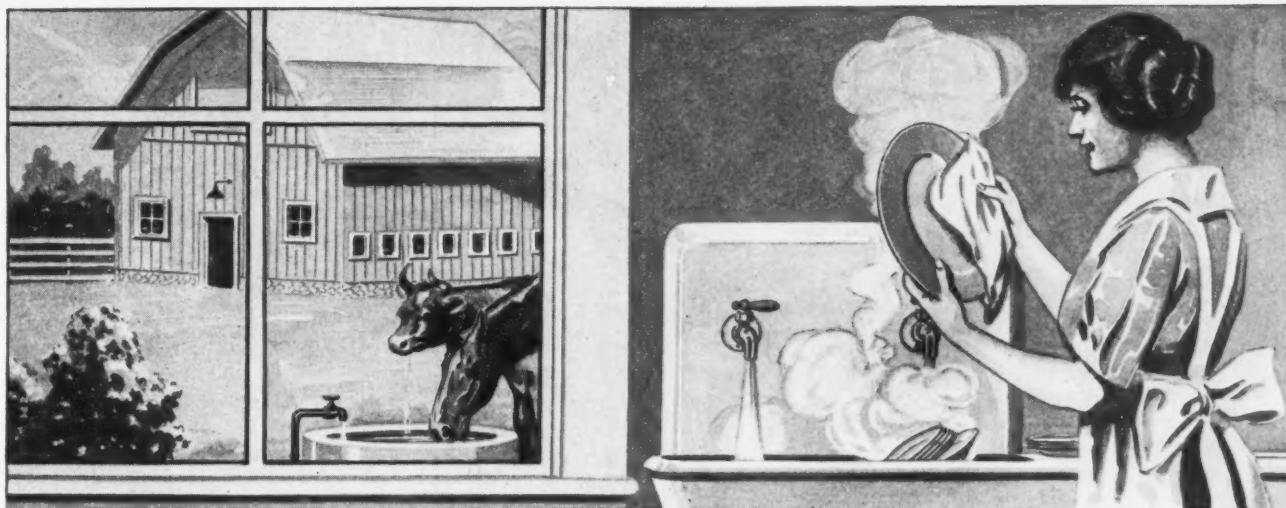
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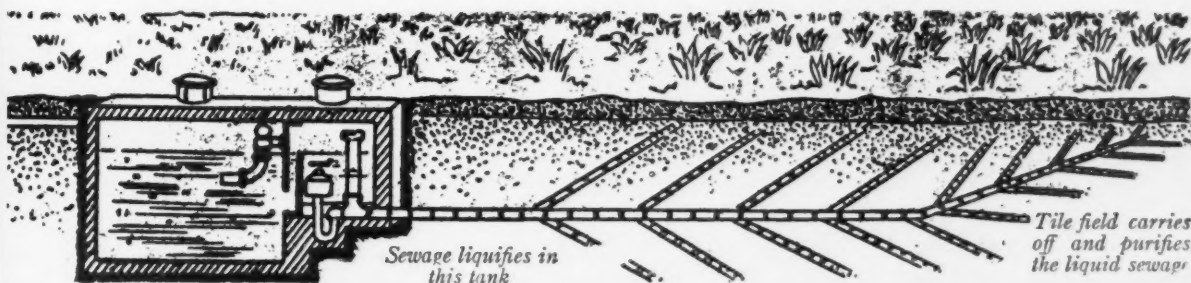
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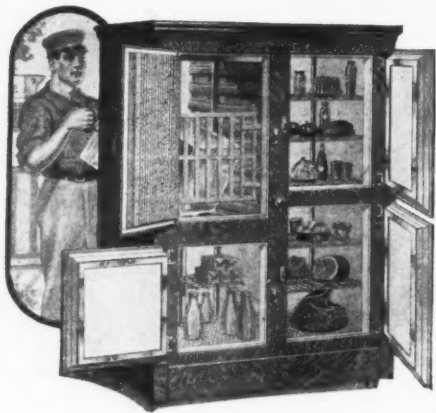
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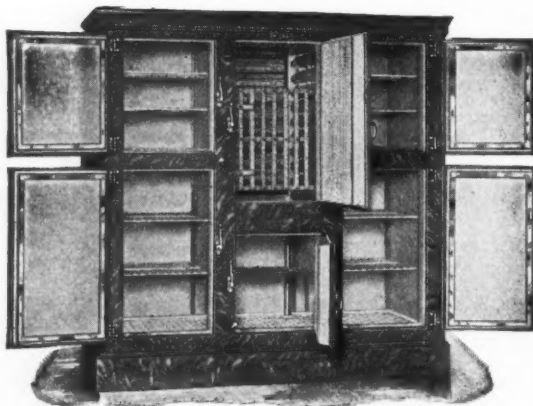
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buildings, was unanimous in condemning the standardization of houses on the ground that standardized houses are tiresomely monotonous—only a little better than those of the present industrial areas of the great cities. The far reaching plans under consideration are well indicated by the recommendations of the council that the local authorities insist in all cases that the following points be observed in the building of workmen's cottages:

(1) The houses should be broad, rather than deep, in order to secure that all the rooms shall have ample light. This will involve the giving of increased frontages, but the additional cost can be met by economy in road construction under modern town planning conditions.

(2) Back extensions are better avoided, and all the rooms should be brought under the main roof. In the old type of workman's cottage the room most used is generally the most gloomy. The kitchen-living room is the workroom of the wife, and should be the sunniest and pleasantest room in the house.

(3) Three bedrooms should be provided in all the new houses. There are hundreds of thousands of two-bedroom cottages in existence, and the members of the conference therefore take the view that the cottages now to be built should be of three-bedroom type.

(4) The houses should, as a rule, be provided with parlors. The working people of this country know what they want in this respect, and the great majority desire the parlor cottage. Wherever possible this desire should be met, whilst securing at the same time that the kitchen-living room shall be of ample size and the sunniest and most cheerful room in the house.

(5) Each house should have a bath, with provision for hot water supply, either in a separate bedroom or in the scullery.

(6) Ample window space should be given, and the windows should be carried as near to the ceiling as possible.

(7) Where the by-laws do not already demand it, an impervious layer of concrete, or other approved impervious material, should be laid under all floors to prevent damp rising, and the proper damp-proof course should be provided to all walls. The neglect of these elementary conditions of good cottage building has been responsible for much suffering amongst the poor in both urban and rural districts.

(8) The level of the ground floor of the house should be above the level of the ground immediately surrounding it. The members of the conference suggest that in the case of all housing schemes for which subsidies are granted the government should insist that the necessary safeguards described in (7) and (8) should be adopted where the by-laws or methods in operation do not already require them.

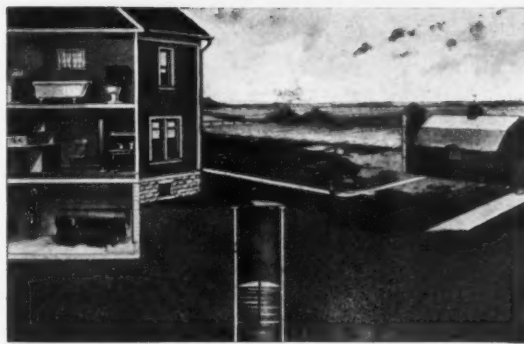
(9) The assistance of women with close knowledge of household economy should be sought in regard to details of interior construction, such as the design of the stairs, the provision of cupboards, larders, and storage accommodation. These and other minor details occupy a prominent place in the domestic economy of the home, and should, therefore, receive great care and attention.



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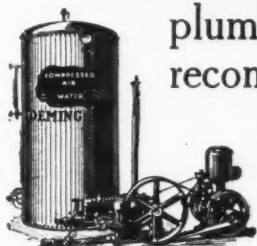
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Last year, in one great factory in the East, 30,000 men were employed to keep up a payroll of 10,000! The men would not stay because of poor living conditions. This tremendous waste of efficiency could have been avoided thru the medium of proper industrial housing. This instance is characteristic of conditions in America today.

Production is greatly handicapped, not by a lack of labor as commonly supposed, but by an utter lack of decent accommodations and the resultant inability to hold labor.

Houses for industrial workers must be provided at once, and the fact that this problem is so urgent there is a real danger—the danger of doing the thing hurriedly, planning for temporary relief only, creating conditions that will be worse in a few years than they are at present.

The large industrial organizations confronted with a housing problem will wisely provide for the future. With the splendid examples of garden city development in England as a guide, and the avoidance of the

paternalism and other errors which characterized certain previous enterprises in this country, there is no reason why we should not proceed on the firmest and most advanced basis.

Each industrial development presents an individual problem. It is not simply a matter of designing two or three typical houses and setting them down on a certain plot of ground. The factors involved call for not only a thoro knowledge of housing developments the world over, but they necessitate an intimate study of the conditions affecting the industry which contemplates a plan for providing homes for its workers.

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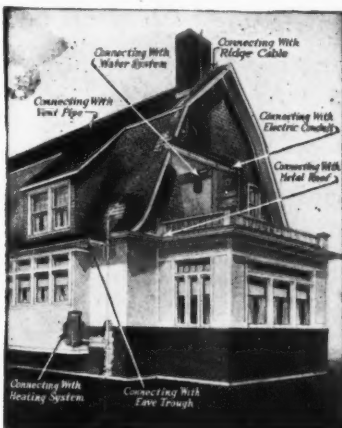
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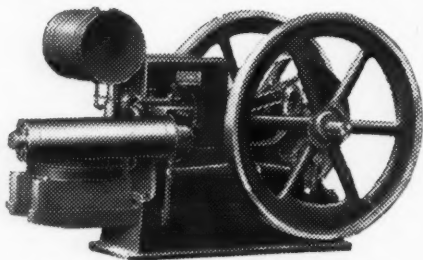
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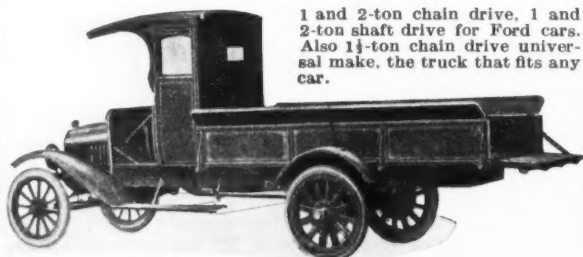
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By A. W. ECKBERG

DID you ever stop to consider that the doors are in greater actual use than any other part of a building? This being a self-evident fact, it is of course very important to select them with care, especially for permanent and high-class work, and if any saving in expense of materials is contemplated, it should not be made in the doors. This is a case where the old adage applies that "the best is the cheapest in the long run," even tho a good door should be a little more expensive in first cost.

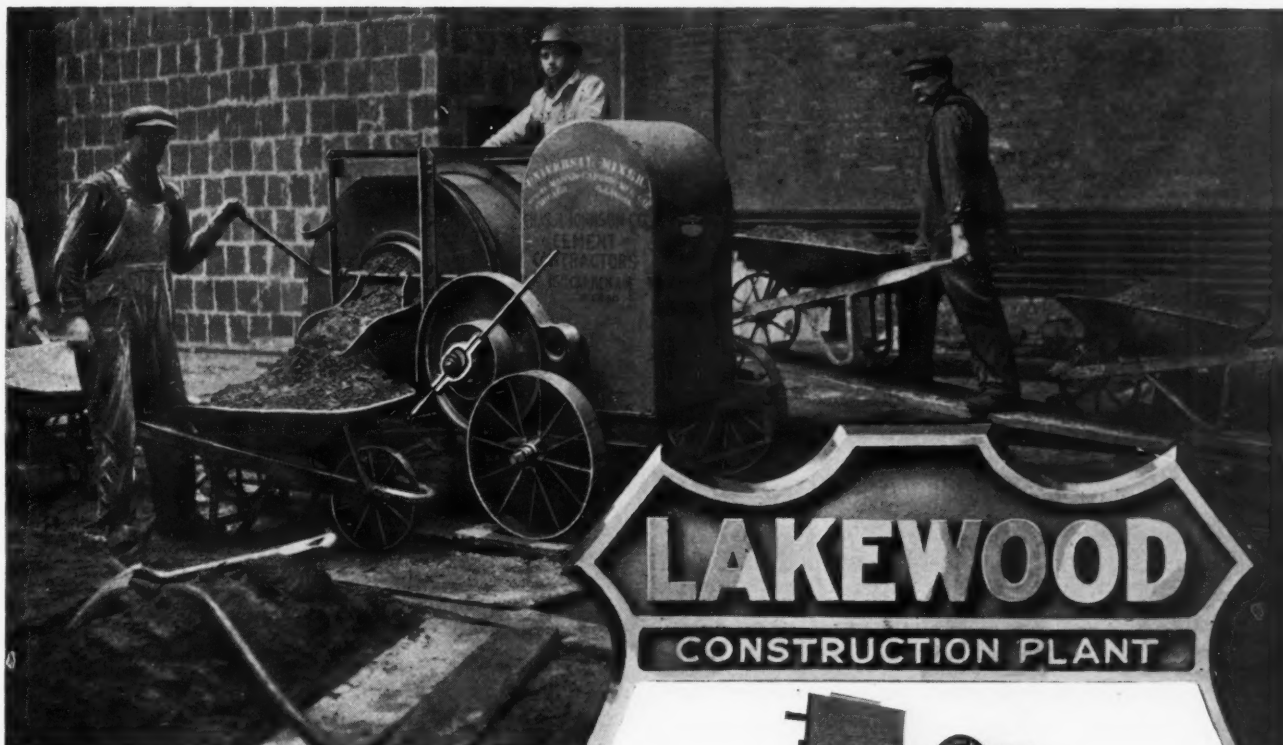
From time immemorial when anyone made a door, be it for a palace or the humblest abode, it was just naturally made of wood. Whole treatises have been written about how to frame it, how to make it beautiful and to resist warping and twisting, the best wood to be used, etc., but of wood it has generally been. If rich beauty was desired the more precious wood was resorted to, but always wood, and well varnished and oiled or painted, which insures its burning more rapidly, if fire ever got to it.

When the fire prevention campaign started some thirty years ago, several attempts were made to protect the wooden door. It was hard to get away from the thralldom of wood, so at first it was painted with preparations of alum and other salts, which was then called fireproof paint, and by this combination wood would not ignite at first, but would not withstand a hot fire for any length of time. Later, experiments were tried to make the wood fire resisting by extracting the resin and other highly inflammable components of wood, leaving only the fibre. This was tried for some time, but was found wanting, as the wood would presently burn and the fire looked very much like an ordinary wood fire.

Later on the method of covering the wooden doors with metal (which originated in Germany), was adopted, and was no doubt the best that could be had for that period. It is, however, impossible with this kind of work to obtain a result that is satisfactory for high-class buildings.

In their place and to more adequately meet the requirements of these modern times, the hollow metal doors and trim were developed and put on the market about 10 years ago. In developing the hollow metal door idea the inventor had to break away from precedent and start out along original lines, by cutting out the weak spots entirely and replacing it with what has proven to be the last word of door and trim construction—a door of cold-drawn steel provided with air chambers to insulate, instead of wood which would char and collapse at the most critical moment. This door has proved itself effectively fireproof, handsome,

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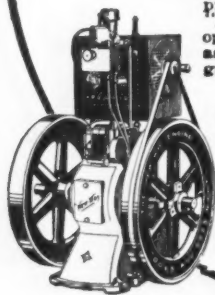
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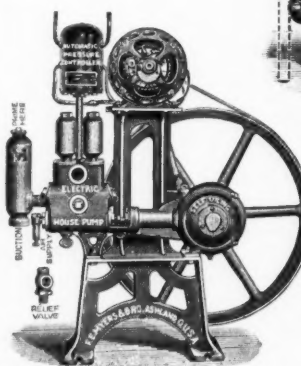
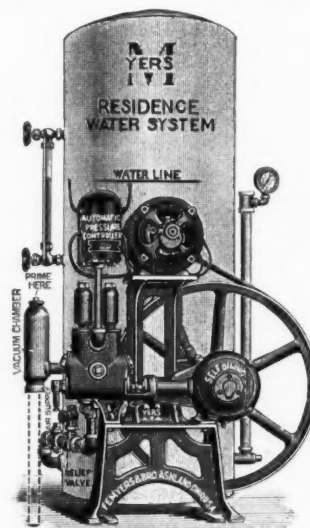
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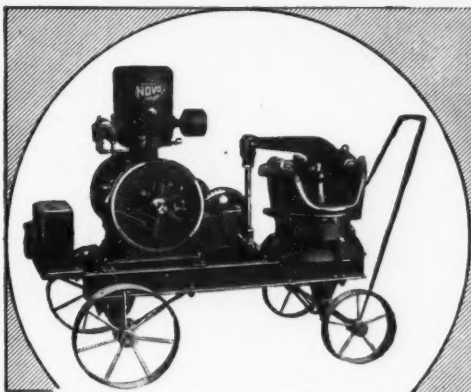


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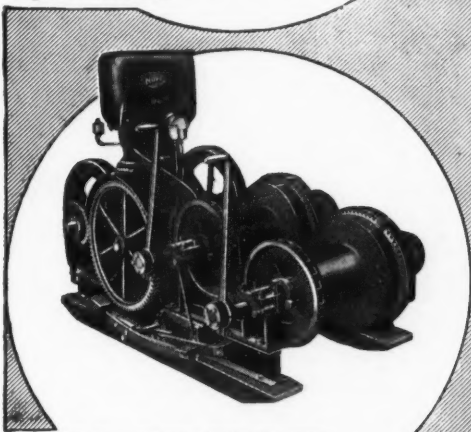


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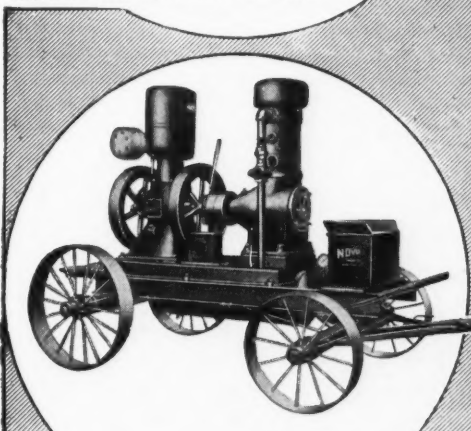


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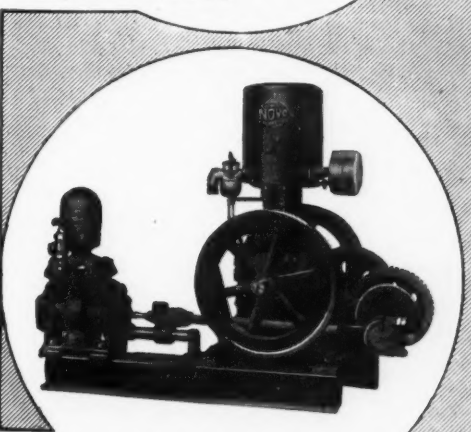


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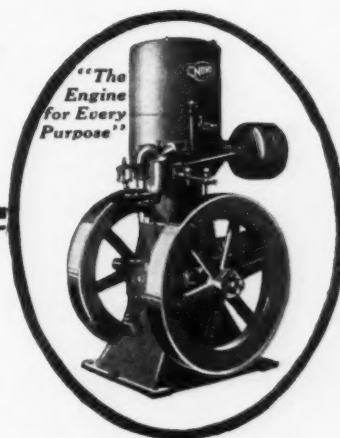
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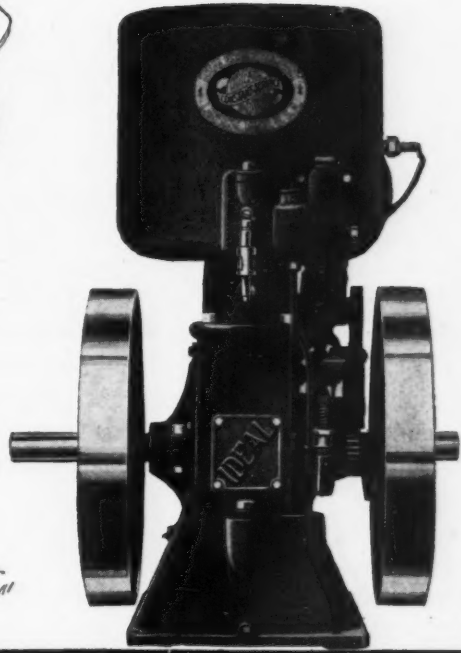
to spread thruout the building. In actual experience in many cases great loss of life has occurred in buildings because escape was shut off by the flames entering the stairhalls or elevator shafts. The fact that openings to such flues or shafts have not been provided with fireproof doors have caused some very expensive fires, for instance, the Equitable Building in New York City about two years ago. This has served to call the attention of architects and builders to the necessity for having fireproof doors for such openings and eliminating the open grill work so commonly used for elevator enclosures in the past, and to enclosing elevator shafts with fireproof walls or metal partitions, with wired glass, if light is required.

The open grill work used for such a long time, has been found inadequate for the purpose, and will not be tolerated in any really fireproof or modern building. The city of Cincinnati was one of the first to adopt a building code requiring owners of buildings having such work to replace it with really fireproof enclosures, and other cities are fast following this excellent precedent. According to the best and most advanced ideas, the stair hall shafts are being located in a different part of the building from the elevator shaft, so that in case a fire occurs near one, the other would be available for exit by the occupants. This idea is a very important step in the right direction, and will tend to increase the safety of a building, especially those of the better class or those of the "skyscraper type."

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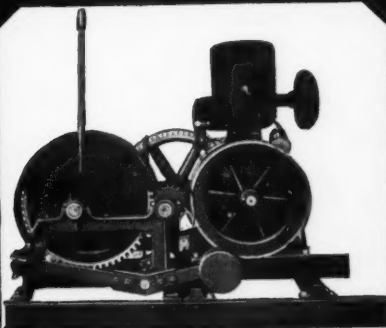
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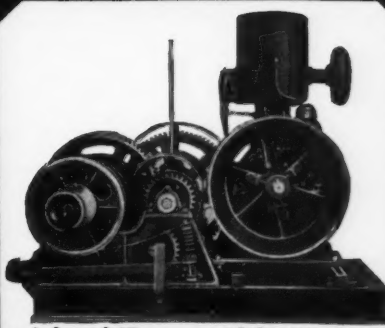
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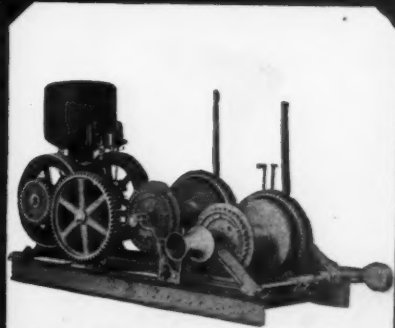
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AND now comes the "per piece" price of lumber. Not so very long ago it was a common practice in retail lumber yards when a customer asked for the price of a certain kind of wood, to quote him the price per thousand feet, irrespective of whether he wanted enough wood to build a home or just a piece to fix the back door step. Even today 1,000 board feet still is the unit measure in many lumber yards on which prices are quoted.

Thus a man who may want only enough wood to lay a new floor in the kitchen goes to the lumber yards and asks for prices. He is told \$65, or \$45, or whatever the price may be per thousand feet for the particular wood he wants. But he leaves the yard none the wiser as to exactly what it will cost to lay his 6 by 9 foot floor.

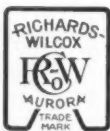
Probably the only reason this system of retailing has persisted for years and years is that no great number of retail lumber dealers could afford the time to work out a system of quoting the price of lumber, not by the 1,000 feet, but by the particular size required. This big problem has just been solved for the retail lumberman and for the small purchaser of lumber by the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association.

This association has published a series of tables which will enable the retail lumberman to quote by the piece lumber costing anywhere from \$1 to 100 per 1,000 board feet and measuring any length, breadth and thickness. The booklet of tables will be distributed without charge to all the retail lumber dealers in the country and the author will be compensated by the knowledge that much time, effort and brain power which hitherto had been expended in "figuring" by individual lumber retailers will henceforth be conserved and perhaps, spent in helping the government win the war.

The tables, for instance, show that a piece of lumber 1 by 4 inches, 10 feet long, of a grade costing \$40 per 1,000 feet, will cost 13 cents; a piece 2 by 4 inches, 16 feet long, of a grade worth \$65 per 1,000 feet, will cost 69 cents. By means of these tables the dealer can at a glance, tell what any size piece of any grade lumber will cost.

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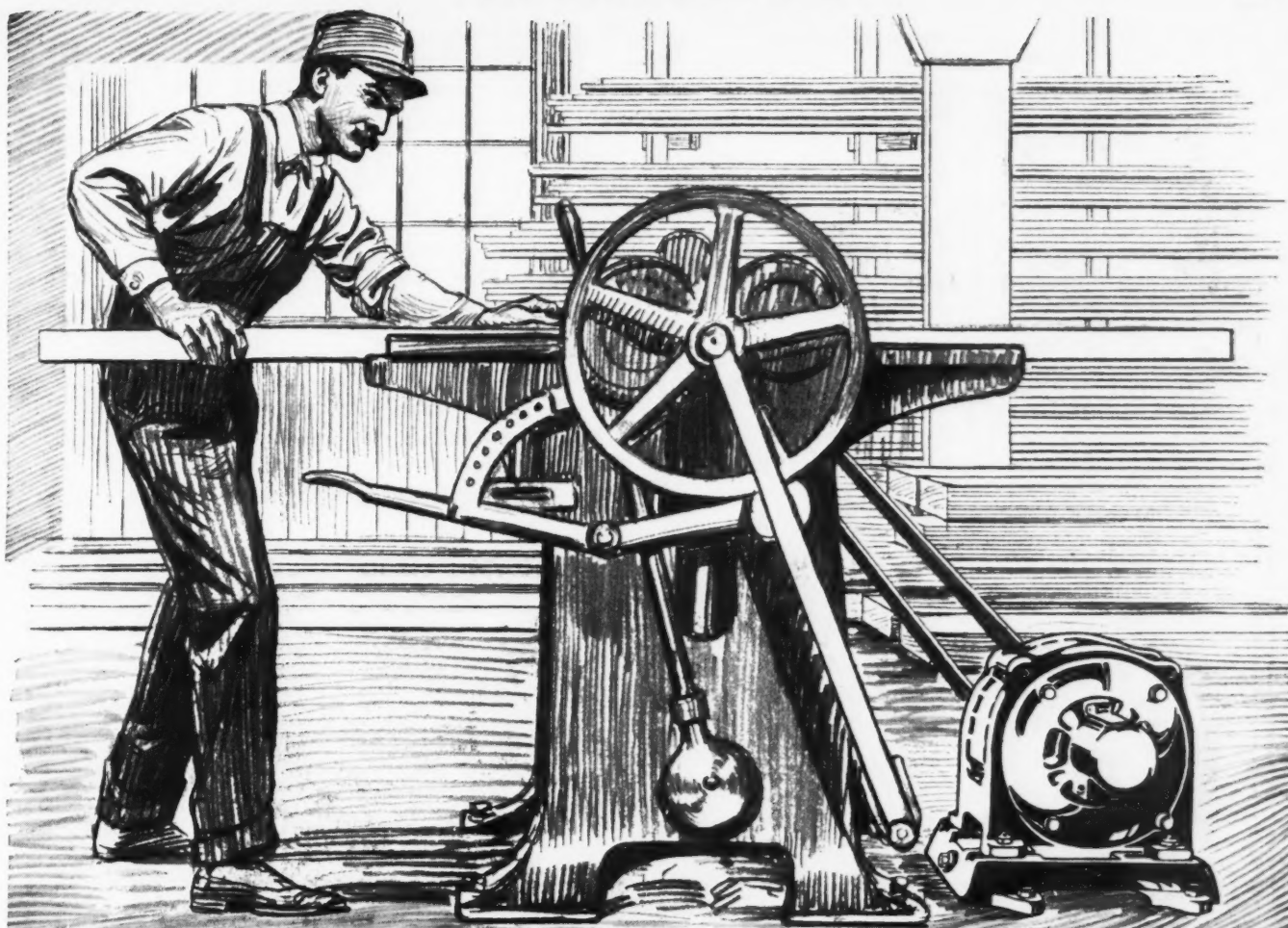
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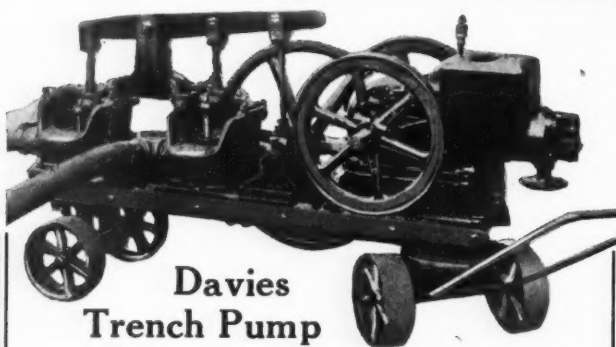
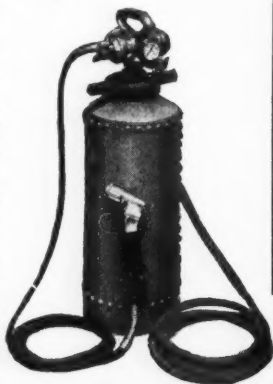
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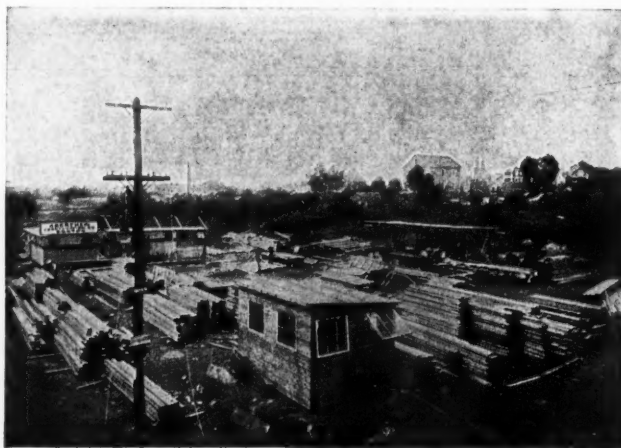
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Keeping Building Material in Order

THOSE contractors who have carefully studied all the details of their business realize the convenience as well as the economy of very carefully planning in advance with regard to the delivery of material on the site. Among those who have given special attention to this subject as displayed in numerous cases is the Aberthaw Construction Company of Boston.

In advance of beginning work a plan is made in which consideration is given to the track or road facilities, proximity of material to the building, means of handling from one point to the other, and hoisting to position, as well as the relation to the woodworking plant.

In the case of form lumber, for instance, lumber



System in Piling Materials on the Job Lowers Costs for Aberthaw Construction Co.

of a stated size is kept together—in fact, so far as possible, it is ordered of the exact length required for the given form. Likewise, storage facilities are established for brick, stone, sand, cement, etc.

The accompanying illustration shows such a layout, the lumber carefully piled. In the foreground is the routing office. Showing above this office and in the background is the sawmill, while in the left foreground are the engineer's and foremen's offices, the tool room, etc.

As lumber arrives on the job it is piled in the most convenient position for carrying to the sawmill. From the mill it passes forward to the place where it is to be used. The Aberthaw Company says that the limited amount of time spent in planning the lumber properly is much more than offset by the convenience incident to later handling.



The Pantograph Enlarges Drawings

To the Editor:

McConnelsville, Ohio.

In the February number of your paper, Mr. C. E. Henderson of La Grange, Oregon, asked how to enlarge small letters and figures.

The quickest and best way I have found is with a pantograph, which can be purchased at most any store that sells art supplies. Cheap ones can be bought for ten or fifteen cents.

L. E. McGRATH.

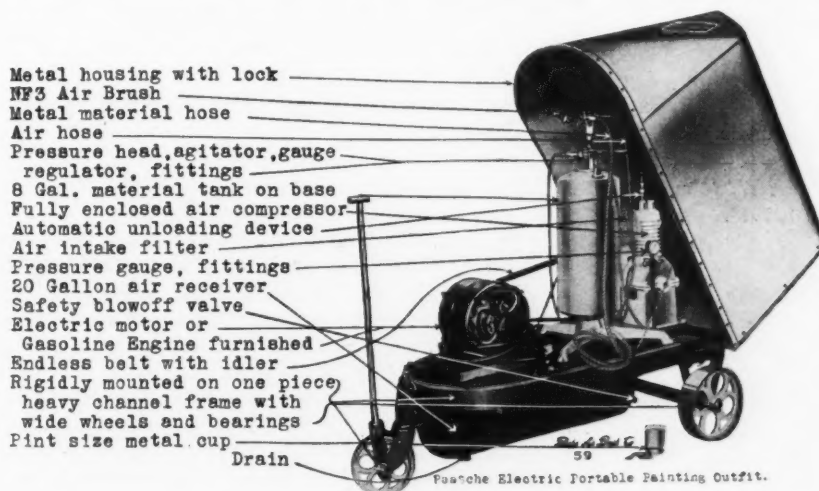
Painting Contractors!

THE extraordinary high cost of labor and material is causing serious damage to the extent that buildings and properties are being neglected at a tremendous loss to the owners due to the lack of paint and other preservatives.

The accompanying illustrations show the **Paasche Superior Portable Painting Outfits** which are already extensively used with remarkable success at tremendous saving by the U. S. Government, the railroads, ship building industries and the large plant owners and painting contractors throughout this country.



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These equipments are very simple to operate. Anyone with a little painting experience can do from 6 to 10 times as much work as by the old hand brush process by following the directions that accompany the equipment. One coat applied with the **Paasche System** is superior to two hand coats, hence it saves 100% of time for each coat applied. In addition to this the machine will do four to six men's work.

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Illustration of Paasche's Quick Action Air Brush, showing range of stroke from a line to any size spray produced by the single pull of a trigger only. Paasche air brushes have a marvelous capacity for covering and distributing paints, enamels, varnishes, lacquers, bronzes and liquid materials of all descriptions. They lead in the art of air-finishing devices.

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NEWS OF THE FIELD

J-M Open Tacoma Office

For the better service of the shipbuilding and allied interests, as well as the constantly increasing number of manufacturing plants, the H. W. Johns-Manville Company have opened a new branch office at 1015 A Street, Tacoma. Here is carried a complete stock of asbestos packings, moulded and in sheet form, and other well-known Johns-Manville specialties.

The Memphis, Tenn., office of the H. W. Johns-Manville Co. moved, March 31, to new quarters at 804-5 Exchange Bldg., corner Madison Ave. and Second Street, Memphis, Tenn.

The Youngstown, Ohio, office of the H. W. Johns-Manville Co. moved to 520 Market Street, April 1, 1918.



Charles Smith Co. Changes Name

After 30 years of heater manufacturing and selling, the Charles Smith Co., of 57 W. Lake St., Chicago, have changed their name to the name that their heaters have carried for years—the Hero Furnace Co.

There is no change in the personnel of the company, for J. P. Patton is still president and H. Hyer, secretary.

Stanley Works Have Remarkable Growth During 1917

Last year was a very remarkable one in the growth of the Stanley Works. The total area of land owned and occupied in New Britain by the Stanley Works on Jan. 1, 1917, was about 33 acres. During the last year 61 acres were added to the New Britain plant, making 94 acres in all. It is now almost a mile from the east to the west end of the New Britain plant.

Two large buildings were put up during 1917, one at the extreme east end of the plant, which almost doubled the warehouse facilities, and a factory building at the west end of the plant. These two buildings alone contain about two half acres of floor space. Besides them there have been constructed several smaller buildings and two large buildings for hot rolling steel mills, making the total floor area in the New Britain plant at the present about 15½ acres.

During 1917, the Stanley Works enlarged its power plant by completing a long distance transmission line to bring in electricity from its new plant on the Farmington River.



Sewer Pipe Makers Optimistic

Users of vitrified pipe are assured of a supply of that product adequate for the curtailed demands of the war period, so far as the decision lies with the Fuel Administration. Such is the word reaching the Sewer Pipe Manufacturers' Association, official announcement of which was made recently. It has been decided to permit sewer pipe manufacturers a supply of coal sufficient for 50 per cent of their full capacity, as ascertained by comparison with an average production for the past three years. The same rule applies to wall coping, flue lining and allied products.

There are four exceptions noted in the general order covering the clay industry, the most important of which perhaps

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Paint Your Houses In Less Time—At Less Cost

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—There is no costly replacing of brushes, which wear out fast on rough surfaces.

—An extension pole to fit the regular Aeron is furnished in a combination of lengths, saving the necessity of building scaffolding in many places.

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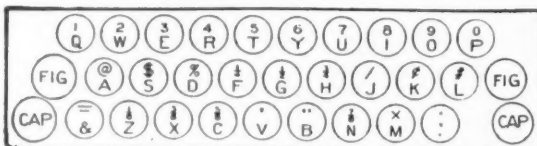
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News of the Field

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pertains to pooling. Pooling of manufacture will be permitted wherever it can be shown that such an arrangement would save fuel.

No new plants may be started without the special permission of the Fuel Administration. No plant is to change the character of its product, if it has not previously manufactured the same, without the permission of the Fuel Administration.

The right is reserved to manufacturers to present their individual claims to the Fuel Administration, and where it is found that the manufacturer cannot supply the demand in his market operating at curtailed capacity, he may be given a special permission to increase operations to whatever extent is necessary to fill the orders on his books.

The 50 per cent order effecting sewer pipe and products usually made in sewer pipe plants is generally acceptable to the manufacturers, who believe that this percentage will meet the needs of the trade in the present year, when building operations and municipal sewer improvements are both very considerably curtailed. The settlement of the coal question which has been at issue for several months past, is expected to have a stabilizing influence on the industry, altho car shortage for the shipment of the product has been the controlling factor in the limited output thru the winter and may interfere with prompt deliveries for some time to come.

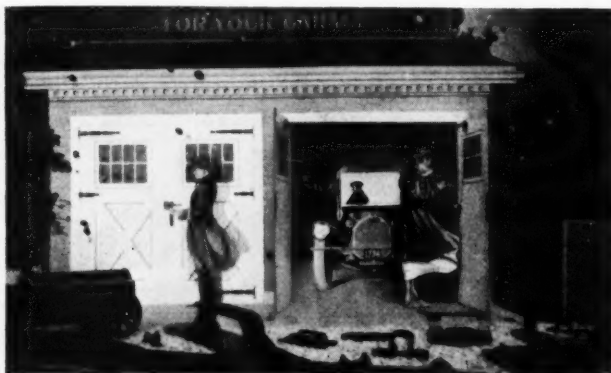
Lakewood in Milwaukee

The Lakewood Engineering Company, Cleveland, Ohio, announces the opening of a district office at 448 Broadway, Milwaukee, Wis., with Fred T. Kern and J. N. Young, both formerly of Kern, Hunter, Inc., as its representatives.

To Deal in Rebuilt Equipment

A new company of national scope, to be known as Equipment Corporation of America, with headquarters in the Lumber Exchange Building, Chicago, Ill., has recently been organized. They will deal exclusively in used contractors' equipment, thoroly overhauled and ready for service.

The trouble heretofore with buying used contractors' equipment comes from the fact that men of no financial responsibility—acting merely as brokers—have sold equipment that had not been overhauled or even looked at since its last job, and frequently this equipment was on its last leg. This new company has elected H. M. Capron, 145 Lumber Exchange Building, for its president and general manager, and G. A. Whitehead, 501 Stock Exchange Building, Philadelphia, Pa., as vice-president and eastern manager. Both of these men are very well known to the contracting trade and behind their company is ample financial responsibility, and under their management the new company should succeed, as it is affiliated with the best known manufacturers of contracting equipment. The AMERICAN BUILDER wishes them success.



Window Display "Cut Out" to Promote the Use of Stanley Works Garage Hardware; Store of Wm. K. Toole Co., Pawtucket, R. I.

Do YOUR Share *to* Win *the* War



Need of Conserving the Metal Supply

Bulletin of the United States Chamber of Commerce

"The requirements of iron and steel in the prosecution of the war can hardly be exaggerated. Figures cannot be given but the broad statement can be made that the utmost which can be produced is below the requirements of the United States government and its allies and of business closely related to the war. This condition will continue; for on the one hand no substantial increase in production is anticipated, in fact, even maximum production from existing facilities cannot be expected because transportation, labor and material conditions will interfere with the full operation of plants, and on the other hand, indications are that the war requirements will continue to increase.

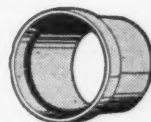
"The direct requirements of the government for pig iron are relatively small, but the requirements for steel are enormous and iron is therefore required in corresponding quantities. Steel is needed in the war for ships, railroad cars and locomotives, rails, trucks, containers, etc. Furthermore, there are the requirements for shells and other munitions work, requirements large in tonnage, far beyond what is generally supposed. In addition, business closely related to war, i. e., business producing government materials and supplies, the necessities of life and the materials for producing the necessities of life, require steel in great quantities for buildings, machinery, tools, containers, etc. When all these requirements are met little if any steel will be left for so-called general business.

"The course for business men to pursue is clear. Iron and steel should be used only when the requirement is unavoidable."

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Author of "Off Agin, On Agin, Gone Agin, Finnigan"

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Buy a bond!
It will reach its little target straighter than a homing bee—
Buy a bond!
If you've bought a lot before,
Don't believe you've done your chore—
Buy a half a dozen more!
Buy a bond!

'Tisn't often helping others helps yourself so all at-once—
Buy a bond!
Help the country, help your bankbook—every slacker is a
dunce!
Buy a bond!
If your country's saved, all right!
There's your money good and tight,
If it isn't—well, good night!
Buy a bond!

If the bond should prove a flivver, all the money that you
save
(Buy a bond!)
Isn't worth a single penny—what is money to a slave?
Buy a bond!
It will keep the kaiser's hordes
Back, as well as two-edged swords!
If your pocket book affords,
Buy a bond!

If you are a common tightwad, loving no one but yourself,
Buy a bond!

It's the surest and the savest way to save your measly pelf—
Buy a bond!
If you are a decent critter,
'Gainst the foe of freedom bitter,
God Almighty hates a quitter—
Buy a bond!

**Consult the "Official U. S. Bulletin"**

Owing to the enormous increase of government war work the governmental departments at Washington are being flooded with letters of inquiry on every conceivable subject concerning the war, and it has been found a physical impossibility for the clerks, tho they number an army in themselves now, to give many of these letters proper attention and reply.

There is published daily at Washington under authority of and by direction of the President, a government newspaper—the Official U. S. Bulletin. This newspaper prints every day all of the more important rulings, decisions, regulations, proclamations, orders, etc., etc., as they are promulgated by the several departments and the many special committees and agencies now in operation at the National Capital. This official journal is posted daily in every postoffice in the United States, more than 56,000 in number, and may also be found on file at all libraries, boards of trade and chambers of commerce, the offices of mayors, governors and other federal officials. By consulting these files most questions will be found readily answered; there will be little necessity for letter writing; the unnecessary congestion of the mails will be appreciably relieved; the railroads will be called upon to move fewer correspondence sacks, and the mass of business that is piling up in the government departments will be eased considerably. Hundreds of clerks, now answering correspondence will be enabled to give their time to essentially important war work, and a fundamentally patriotic service will have been performed by the public.

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No sharp edges or corner to cut the hand on, catch the clothes, as the woodwork is dusted. This is the door stop your customer is looking for. Have your Hardware Dealer show **them to you**.

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History and Air Brush Painting

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The roof has not been painted because it could get along without it. It will now be considered and receive its coating in colors, in checkerboard, or diamond shape, or solid color.

A large Ohio manufacturer writes us in answer to an inquiry:

"The information given you regarding the painting of our factory with the air brush system is correct. We did this with very good results. Our building is brick and the paint we used was the cheapest red we could get. We have not available the actual cost per square yard of doing this work, but we wish to assure you that it was very much less than could have been done by any other method."

Paint With Air, Not Hair

Millions of dollars worth of valuable buildings, machinery equipment, bridges, railroad rolling stock, ships and material of various kinds, go to waste annually that could be saved by the use of paint. The same kind of paint would not do in all cases, but for every need there is a suitable paint or preservative of the paint family. Some of these would be more generally used if the cost of labor were not so high. Often the task of painting is so great that sufficient man power cannot be secured.

Many things such as metal bridges made from steel bars riveted and bolted together are very difficult to paint properly on account of the crevices, corners, etc., which are difficult and often impossible to reach with a brush. Wood which is painted on the outside and the ends not covered will rot from the inside and often serious accidents have resulted from such causes.

The reach of the workman with the hand brush is very limited and much shifting of staging and scaffolds are needed. Ornamental metal parts, covered wood parts, rough lumber, knots, etc., must be stippled with the hand brush. The spray covers the deepest depressions or the roughest surface as easily and quickly as the smoothest object.

Cement walls, stucco houses, etc., have been a stumbling block for the painter.

It is a long, tedious job and wears out many brushes.

The spray covers this as easily and smoothly as a smooth board.

Just as an illustration of how this portable painting machine proposition works, take the case of Jones. When the H. R. Jones Co. has a stucco bungalow to paint, all of the material is loaded into the trailer, which has ample room for everything needed on the job.

The trailer is hitched behind the car of H. R. Jones, who takes it, a head painter and assistant, to the job. All arrive in quick time with all material in prime

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The Home of Corbin Quality - The largest factory in the world devoted exclusively to the manufacture of builders hardware.

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shape. The trailer is uncoupled on west side of house and H. R. Jones goes fishing, collecting or soliciting.

The assistant fastens an extension nozzle onto gun shown at R, which enabled him to place the paint as he wants it, right up under the eaves and finishes the lower part of side with the regular gun. While he is doing this, the head painter finishes the trim.

The north, east and south sides are covered in the same way, and the entire job is finished ready for Mr. Jones to pick up the trailer and take his two men back to the shop or some small job early in the afternoon.

Of course, it takes no longer to paint a frame house than a stucco. Barns, storage buildings, silos, etc., can be finished in record-making time.

It is needless to state that the men do not go home with that tired feeling as if they had done the work by hand. The engine in the front of the trailer does the work at a cost of about 90 cents a day.



Pole Extension for High Painting Without a Ladder or Scaffolding.

An Appeal to the Farmer

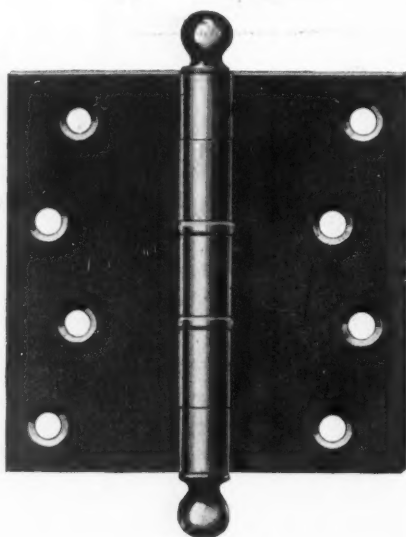
The Sandusky Cement Co. believes that this is the year for the farmer to build and thru an extensive advertising campaign in farm papers, the manufacturers of the Medusa Products are endeavoring to show the farmer why 1918 will be the best year he has ever known for building.

This advertising brings out a number of points which the readers of the AMERICAN BUILDER may have overlooked. It lays particular emphasis on the labor situation—pointing out that as more men are being called to the service, there is very apt to be a serious labor shortage next year. Contractors have, of course, felt this to some extent already, but the farmer seems to feel that the government will supply all the labor necessary for the proper cultivation of farm lands. Whether that will be the case or not, there undoubtedly will be a shortage of labor for doing the "extra work" on the farm—such work for example—as constructing farm buildings, feeding floors, approaches, etc.

The Sandusky Cement Co. is therefore urging the farmer to put his farm on a factory basis *this* year—to build *permanent* equipment *now*—so that he won't have to worry about the extras next year—or for years to come.

Another interesting phase of this campaign to the farmer is that which shows that the farmer can buy cement for less cost this year—figured in terms of his own crops—than ever before. Hogs, corn, rye, etc., have all advanced considerably over 100 per cent in price since the beginning of the war. Cement has not advanced nearly in that proportion—and there can be no doubt that today does present a great opportunity for building at a bargain—if the farmer can only be made to appreciate that fact.

Contractors and builders should see to it that facts—such as these—are brought to the attention of the farmers. This spring and summer should see an enormous amount of building on the farm.



No. 2742

Wrought Steel Anti-Friction Ball Tip Loose Pin Butt with Non-Rising Pin. Swings heaviest doors easily and quietly—requires no oiling—never gets out of order.

McKINNEY BUTTS

You can tell a McKinney wrought steel butt every time by the beautiful rich finish, the smooth even surface of the steel, the clean-cut edges, and the easy operating joints.

When it comes to hanging doors just remember there's a McKinney Butt for every requirement. Specify and use McKinney Butts and you'll never have to go back on the job to make costly repairs. Write now for a copy of catalog "A" II.

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EVERLASTING SHINGLE NAILS

Are now used more than ever before, because roof costs are much higher and good builders say they must use Zinclad's to be absolutely sure that their roofs will last. Get these everlasting shingle nails from your lumber dealer with every purchase of shingles.

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136 Wayne Ave., Lockland, Cincinnati, O.

How You Can Sell More Asphalt Shingles

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All styles of asphalt shingles (wide space and strips particularly) are well adapted for use over old shingles because they are flexible and easily laid. Re-roofing over old shingles is actually the chief purpose of such an Application Department. There is a good profit in it because there is so little competition; it costs much less to re-roof a house over the old roof than to remove

Application Department	
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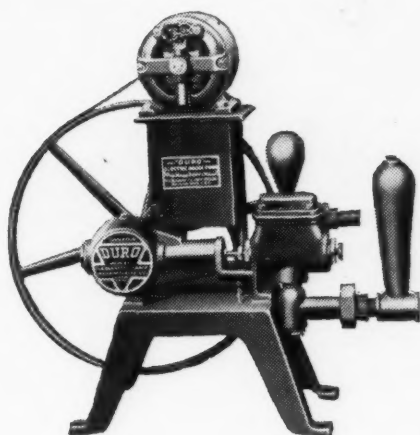
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_____	hrs. @ _____ \$ _____
Cost of Labor _____	
Contract Price per Sq. _____	Trucking Charges \$ _____
Contract Total _____	Estimated Overhead \$ _____
NET PROFIT _____	TOTAL COST _____

Handy Ticket for Keeping Track of Re-Roofing Business.

the old roof first. It is a cleaner and a neater process; there is no litter of old shingles around the house—no consequent labor cost.

Home owners have confidence in roofers who are backed by responsible local dealers. Such a plan can do much to increase your prestige and good standing because it helps to advertise your business. This plan—in its main features—has been followed with complete success in many cities in different parts of the country. There is no reason why it cannot be successful in your town. Just match a little of your time against that of the best roofer you can get and both of you will be surprised at the results. Such a partnership doesn't cost a cent; you don't have to incorporate a company. It is simply co-operation by which both of you benefit.

Why not be the one to start it in your town?



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Here you'll find many ways for making a better building and saving money. Here you can get figures and place orders if you wish and save valuable time. 12,000 visitors monthly. *It's free to see.*

Alton, Ill., Is Building 300 Homes

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among the craftsmen, causing delays of any sort.

Superintendents for the House of Hancock, the principal construction company handling the greater part of the job, watch their craftsmen carefully. Men who are experts in setting studding do that work exclusively.

Within six weeks streets were laid out, sewer and water mains laid into the basements of all the buildings. Six of the buildings were framed and the rough carpenter work finished on them in two weeks. That was the condition from House No. 1 down to No. 6, all being in various stages.

A little farther down, the basements were ready for the carpenters. Three basements were under construction and a force of men was making excavations for four others.

The writer made inquiry as to the various stages and was told it was a distinctive feature in the Hancock building operations.

The work for a group of buildings is carefully laid out by the superintendent before construction is begun. As soon as the building is raised, the various trades



This Has Proved a Most Popular Style for Industrial Housing.

are brought onto house No. 1 as rapidly as they can do their work without interference with each other. The various trades follow each other in the same way thru the entire group of buildings, so that the fifteenth basement wall is ready for the carpenters as the first house is put in shape for the finish trim.

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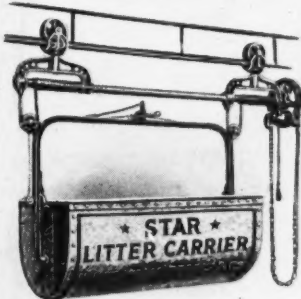
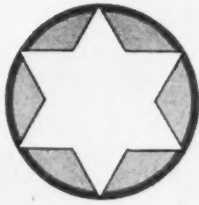
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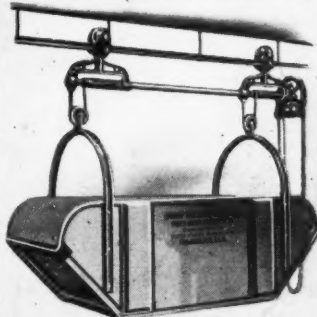


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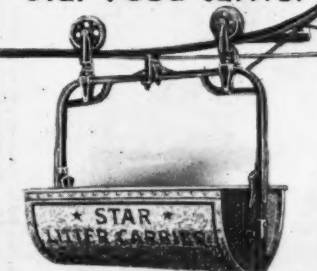
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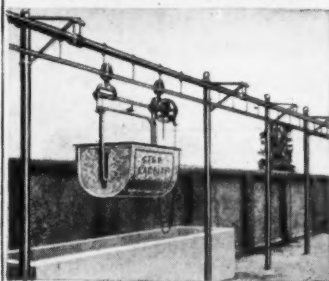
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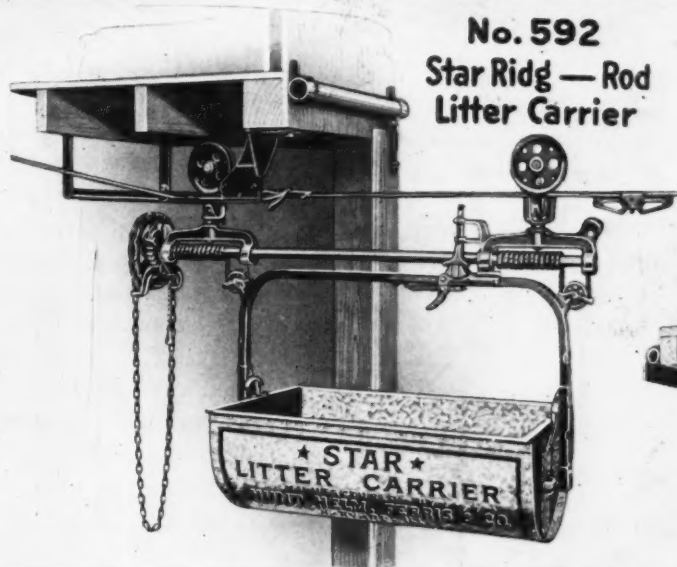
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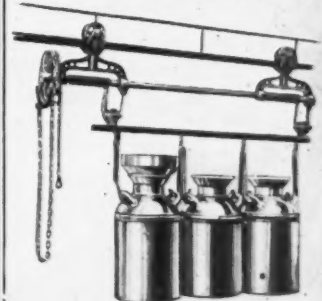
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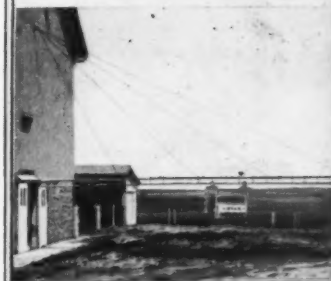
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Star Milk Can Carrier



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Star Feed Truck



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Whatever Your Trade Wants in Litter & Feed Carriers— it's in the Star Line

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This variety backed by sturdy, durable construction and many exclusive and advantageous features, make them easy to sell.

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It will enable you to "talk dairy barns" convincingly. It costs you nothing. Simply send us the names of farmers you know who intend to build or remodel barns and the size of their herds, and this valuable book goes to you free. Write today.

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(East of Ohio Address)

EM75 Williams Street, Elmira, N. Y.

Alton, Ill., Is Building 300 Homes

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A big advantage in using this method of operation is the fact that the superintendent may classify his working force and keep each man doing the particular kind of work for which he is best fitted. Classification also gives the workman an opportunity to become an expert in some branch of carpentry.

The houses are not cheaply constructed. Good grades of material are secured and all work is done in a workmanlike manner. The Hancock Company has a policy not to build any two houses in one group of the same style. The houses are substantially built and the variety in design and construction averts monotony of appearances, usually so hard to overcome where groups of buildings are put up at the same time.

One advantage claimed by the House of Hancock is in knowing something which is better and which costs less money. For instance, the basements are built of hollow tile on a substantial footing of concrete, plastered and made waterproof on both sides. This construction furnishes a dead air chamber, being better than a rock foundation and costing considerably less.

On the other hand, where durability, convenience and even ornament are involved, expense is not spared. Every house now under construction in Alton has all of the conveniences of high priced city apartments, with the added advantage of being an individual home.

The House of Hancock is not a pioneer in the use of new and untried building materials, but once satisfied of the substantial character and durability of new processes of construction and new building materials does not hesitate in adopting and recommending them.

A representative of the corporation reasons that many excellent building materials, especially roofing as well as inside and outside wall coverings, have fallen into disrepute and almost disuse thru the ignorance and lack of experience of workmen who have attempted to use these materials without securing all of the desired results.

The larger building organizations can adopt these new processes and materials, using them to the best advantages, thru the large amount of construction being able to keep busy men who are skilled in their use.

The purchasing of real estate for development in quantity, of course, has its advantages over buying a single lot. The buying for ventures of the kind at Alton is handled by R. J. Hancock, of Chicago, head of the House of Hancock, considered among the shrewdest buyers of vacant property in Chicago. He has become an expert in judging the value and the latent possibilities, giving the organization a great advantage in locating and buying property to be improved.

The House of Hancock features the buying of materials and the letting of sub-contracts in large building operations. They are as important as buying the real estate.

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WAGNER CLOZTITE Hanger No. 78

For Factory and Warehouse Doors

HERE is the hanger that rightly solves the problem of big, wide doors in factories, warehouses, public garages, etc. Doors swinging on hinges are impractical, unhandy, always giving trouble and require too much room. Sliding doors are often out of the question because of lack of room. But, with the Wagner Cloztitle No. 78 you have the problem completely solved.

In using this hanger two or three doors are hinged together and operate as one door. When open, the doors fold up compactly and are entirely out of the way. When closed, the door fits just as snug and tight as an ordinary hinged door in your home, making it dirt-proof, storm-proof and water-proof. Very little clearance room is required—only the width of one door—usually 36 to 48 inches. No sagging, no chance for trolley to come off track, no sticking of doors.

Doors are hinged together and hung to the jamb, being supported at the opposite side by one Wagner Cloztitle Hanger operating in Wagner self-cleaning, dirt-proof track. In four and six door openings, two hangers are used—one hanger for each set of two or three doors hinged to either side of jamb.

Adapted for openings of any width and may be used with any number of doors, from two to six, having a total weight not exceeding 1000 lbs.

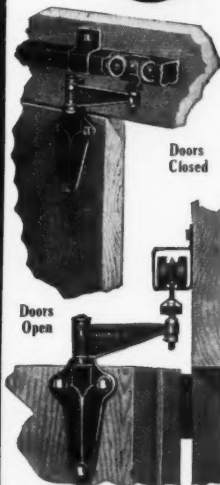
Simpler, stronger, easier to attach than any other hanger or device designed for folding-sliding doors. It has a decided advantage over the extended track or adjustable bracket method in that it is much simpler and there are no adjust-

ments to get out of order. There is less strain on the track and brackets, for the track is fastened directly to the wall at all points the same as for ordinary sliding doors.

Substantially constructed of malleable iron. Has roller-bearing trolley wheels and the hanger bolt revolves on a heavy-duty ball bearing swivel, insuring silent and easy operation of the doors at all times.

This same hanger is made in smaller size (Cloztitle No. 58) for private garages, etc.

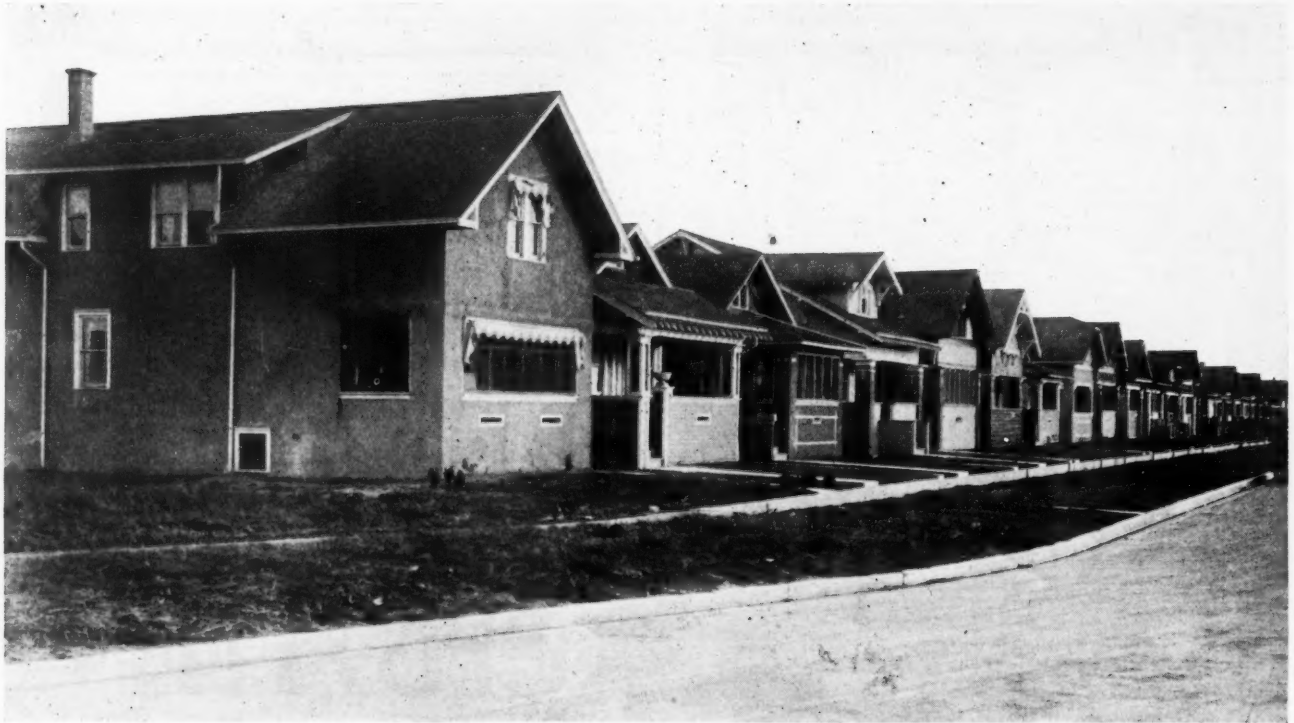
Write for Circular showing various folding-sliding door arrangements and giving complete information about Wagner Cloztitle Hangers.



Ask Your Dealer for Wagner Hangers

Leading hardware dealers sell the Cloztitle and other Wagner Door Hangers and Tracks. In the Wagner line you'll find the right type of hangers and tracks for every purpose. Your dealer can supply you. Ask for and insist upon **WAGNER** Hangers and Tracks.

WAGNER MANUFACTURING COMPANY
Dept. N. CEDAR FALLS, IOWA



Type of Homes Being Put Up at Alton, Ill., by the Hancock Construction Co.

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The organization, as far as possible, buys material thru the local material man and places the sub-contracts with local firms. Experts keep in touch with the wholesale market and are in a position to know

the dealer's price, so he may make a fair margin.

The only parts of the work being sub-let at Alton are the plumbing, electric wiring, heating and sheet metal work. Before a contract is closed the sub-con-

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Pipeless Furnace

A furnace with a tremendously big reputation for successful economical operation.

Built of the best material by experienced workmen.

We wish to send you our complete catalog. Mail us a card today, it will save money for you on your next job.

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For your customer—Install in every stove heated home a HERO PIPE-LESS FURNACE. It will save coal and heat the whole house. Contractors! Keep your men busy—Jobbers, make big wages—putting in these excellent heaters. Write for prices and exclusive territory.

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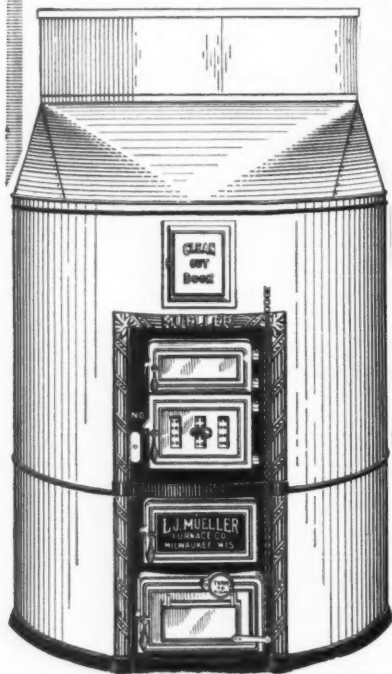
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Every Buyer a Booster

EVERY home owner to whom you sell a Mueller Pipeless Furnace will help to spread through your community the news of its economy and efficiency. Every job you sell is sure to sell others. That's because the Mueller Pipeless Furnace *always makes good.*

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tractor is required to show that he is in a position to furnish the raw material promptly when called upon without delaying the other crafts. These requirements are considered with as much care as the price and finished work.



How to Become a Shipbuilder

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General qualifications.—A shipwright is primarily a planner and assembler, and in certain forms of work, such as spar making and boat building, a skillful fabricator. He must be particularly able in keeping the ship and various parts of the ship properly lined, squared, and plumbed. Aside from this, he must have a practical knowledge of timbers and of proper methods of blocking, shoring, and stage building, with particular application to the construction of the launching cradle and launching ways. For this work he needs a knowledge of, as well as skill in, using carpenter's tools on heavy work and, in addition, some skill with the broadax and adze. It is desirable, but not absolutely necessary for all classes of work, that he be able to read blueprints and make rough sketches.

Kindred trades (Charts 4 and 5).—Men for the shipwright trade must be drawn from those requiring planning and assembling skill on both wood and metal structures. Fine skill in woodworking, such as that possessed by cabinetmaker, joiner, and inside finisher, is not required. Experience in any one of the following trades is an asset:

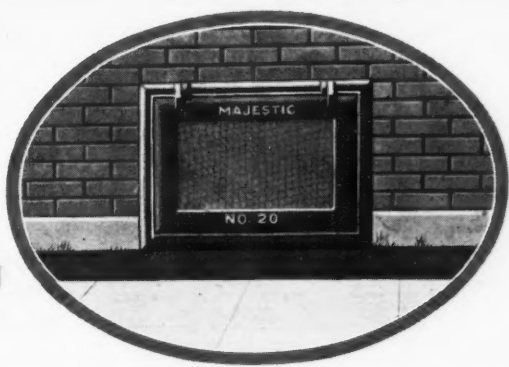
Master carpenter or contractor, house carpenter, rough carpenter or handy man, bridge carpenter, house mover, dock and wharf builder, pile-driver man, lumber jack, lumber yard and sawmill man, millwright, erecting engineer, liner (on structural-steel work), machine erector or road man, structural or bridge erector, elevator constructor.

Ship Joiner

The ship joiner is the cabinetmaker and inside finisher. Painting, oiling, varnishing, and general wood finishing are done by the painter, not the cabinetmaker. Any good cabinetmaker is capable of doing corresponding work on the ship or in the joiner shop. Carpenters with experience on inside finish are useful on the ship and in the cabinet shop. In connection with the ship work they must become accustomed to the slant or bevel cuts and to metal fittings.

Desirable craftsmen for ship joinery: Cabinetmaker or joiner, furniture maker, carpenter with experience on inside finish.

Machine operators for the cabinet shop, such as moulder, sticker, planer, and shaper hands may be obtained from the corresponding occupations in planing mills, sash and door, and furniture manufacturing plants.



Majestic Coal Chutes

EVERY building—new or old—needs a Majestic Coal Chute. It protects the ground, shrubs, lawn, sidewalks and sides of the building from being damaged by the coal man—and adds to the looks and value of the property.

A large glass window gives ample light to the basement—when closed it is absolutely burglar proof.

Majestic Coal Chutes are made in many sizes and designs to suit the requirements of any building. They can

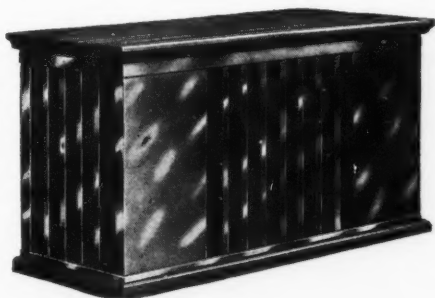
be installed in place of any basement coal window, or, built in new foundations.

Majestic Garbage Receivers

keep the garbage clean, sanitary, free from odor—and protect the whole family against vermin and disease-breeding flies.

The Majestic Garbage Receiver comes in three sections, the Ingot Iron Container, the Galvanized Can and the Cast Iron Lid, operated by the foot. The container is sunk into ground close to the kitchen door—only the water-tight and fly-proof lid is exposed. The garbage man simply removes the lid and takes out the can to empty it.

Made in 5 sizes, 9 to 25 gallons capacity—a size to suit every home's needs.



Majestic Duplex Registers

is the greatest improvement ever made in warm air heating.

It saves one-third to one-half your coal bills—yet heats the cold corners and chilly rooms comfortably. Can be used with either pipe or pipeless heating systems.

Majestic Heating System

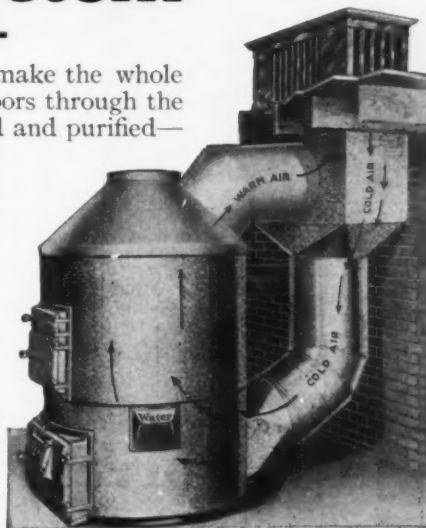
GIVES MORE HEAT WITH LESS COAL—

insures a perfect circulation of pure, warm humidified air and make the whole house cozy and comfortable. The cold air is drawn from the floors through the sides of the Duplex Register into the furnace where it is heated and purified—then the full volume of warm air is forced through the front of the register into the rooms where the heat is evenly distributed to every corner of the house. This improved gravity system of warm air heating insures a uniform temperature, warm floors, pure, healthful air and economy of coal.

Write Now for Catalog

and full information regarding the complete line of Majestic Building Specialties for residences, stores, apartment buildings, etc.

THE MAJESTIC COMPANY
800 Erie Street Huntington, Indiana



Emergency Fleet Housing in Philadelphia

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one flight of steps accommodates two houses. Laundry tubs are provided in the basement. The floors are cemented.

All draining is below the basement floor, in extra heavy cast iron pipe.

Coal bins are provided of ample size to accommodate a season's supply of fuel.

The contract conditions are of special interest since the Emergency Fleet Corporation is to furnish all materials entering into the construction. A quantity survey accompanies the plans and becomes a part of the contract.

The contracts are to be let in sections or units of two hundred houses to each contractor.

Ninety days has been set as the time limit for the entire completion of each unit, ready for occupancy.

The general contract covers all excavation and grading, masonry, carpentry, painting, etc., plumbing, gas, heating and electric work.

The following work will be provided for under separate contract: Sidewalks and walk, to front or rear steps; curbs and gutters; alley pavement; street pavement; street sewer, water and gas mains; street lighting; street grading; sodding, seeding and planting; fences.

The materials are to be delivered to the contractor at a central storehouse or at a railway siding adjoining the site. The contractor is to pay for all cartage of

materials from storehouse or siding to the site of his work. He is required to receipt for all materials.

If thru wastage on the part of the contractor, or any other cause, additional material is required, the contractor must procure same from the owner, at prices fixed by architects; or he may procure it from outside sources, provided no delay in the construction work is occasioned thereby, and that material so procured is of quality acceptable to the architects.

Should the contractor receive more material than is necessary for the completion of the building, all such material shall be accounted for and returned to the storehouse by the contractor, and will become the property of the owner.

The contractor is required to guarantee his work and make good all defects resulting from defective or improper work discovered within two years of the completion and acceptance of the building. This in itself is sufficient evidence for any contractor that the work is intended to be of the most permanent character.

The legislation which permits the Fleet Corporation to advance money to its agents, secured by mortgages on the houses and ground, also permits the agents to sell these homes to workers upon similar conditions. This should prove to be a great boon to an industry that is destined to remain a leader for a period much longer than the duration of the war.

Other industries would no doubt be greatly benefited by following the plan of the government in erecting permanent and desirable homes.

The user of a HESS WELDED STEEL FURNACE is particularly fortunate this winter in his ability to use ANY KIND OF FUEL



The heat retaining fire box and large-area grate^s make it possible to burn without waste all kinds of coal, hard, soft or lignite—of any size, even of slack and screenings. Wood or coke are equally efficient.

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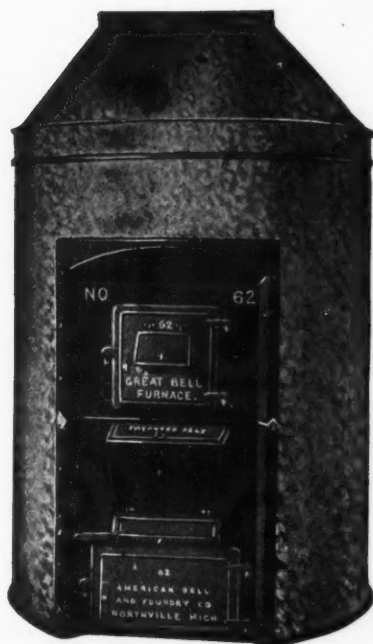
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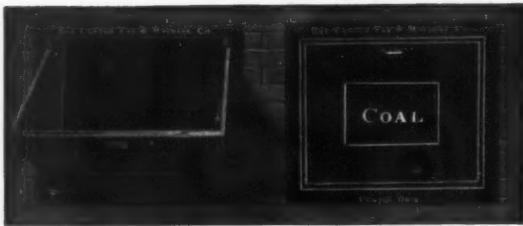
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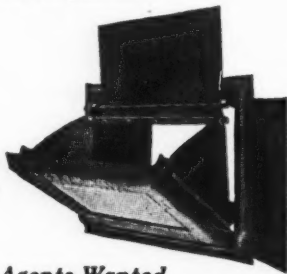
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Decide Early Regarding the Hardware

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stays back in the case. The dead bolt grinds more and more and finally clumps completely away from its duties.

Hardware is one of the most "intimate" materials in a house. If it is cheap, shoddy and not made by a good manufacturer, it will make all kinds of trouble, not only to individuals, but even to stirring up trouble in the family itself, whereas if it works smoothly and performs each one of its duties all the time, it is "a joy forever," as then the doors will not drag on the sills, the bolts will always work smoothly and into their appointed places and the door will not tap and rattle against the stop bead in the vagrant winds that come thru the open window, thus disturbing one's slumber. In fact, there is no material that will return good for good so whole-heartedly as the time spent in making sure one has selected the right manufacturer to supply his hardware.

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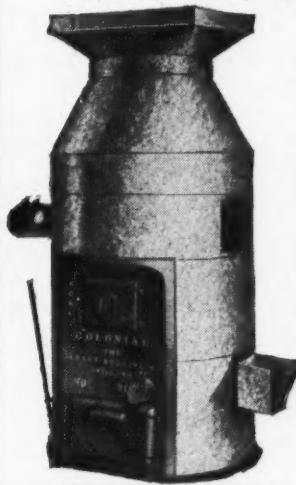
..... (name those desired).

The right is hereby specifically reserved to the owner of selecting and using finishing hardware of better quality or higher cost than herein contemplated upon condition that in such case the owner shall pay to the contractor such additional amount as, with the sum stated above, shall equal the actual cost, at fair market prices of the finishing hardware so selected, with 10 per cent added to such cost to cover the contractor's work in applying the hardware.

The contractor shall furnish the dealer, or manufacturer, from whom the finishing hardware is purchased, with all of the information as to the details of woodwork which may be necessary or desirable to enable the party furnishing the finishing hardware to understand the requirements and to harmonize the hardware with the cabinet work to such an extent as may be necessary and feasible; or, where interferences are discovered, to have them adjusted before the hardware is made.

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ings in such walls to be provided with fireproof self-closing doors.

Adequate means of egress to be provided to street or yard by an additional flight of stairs, or by fire tower or stair fire escape (fire escape less desirable). All such additional means of egress to be remote from the main stairs and separated therefrom and from the other parts of the building by walls of brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete, with fireproof self-closing doors at all openings. Such additional means of egress to be so located that no room shall be more than 40 feet from a means of egress. All main egress doors to swing out.

All stairs and stair halls to be not less than 3 feet wide in the clear and to be inclosed in walls of brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete, with fireproof self-closing doors at all openings. All doors to stair halls to swing into stair hall without obstructing free passage.

Dumb-waiters and elevators will not be accepted in stair inclosure; they should be inclosed in fireproof shafts with fireproof doors, those for dumb-waiters to be self-closing. Inside cellar stairs to be inclosed with walls of brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete, with self-closing fireproof doors. Standpipes with hose reels on each floor to be so located that any point can be reached with 75 feet of hose.

4. *Heating.*—Except where connected with a central plant, provision to be made for independent heating.

5. *Materials of Exterior.*—To be brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete, except that wood frame will be accepted for one-story buildings.

6. *Plumbing.*—Minimum provision: One water-closet per

12 men; one urinal per 16 men; one lavatory per 8 men; one shower per 10 men; one bathtub per floor, provided there is not less than one per 50 men. Ratio to be increased where there are less than 50 men per floor. Floor and base of toilet rooms to be waterproof not of concrete. Sufficient water-closets to be provided in the cellar or basement for the accommodation of engineers, firemen, and laundry workers.

7. *Rooms, Height Of.*—Height for public rooms, 9 to 12 feet; minimum for bedrooms, 8 feet.

8. *Rooms, Number and Use Of.*—Each lodger to have separate room. Two-men rooms not permitted. (Cubicles and dwarf partitions will not be accepted.)

Each floor to have a general bathroom containing required showers, tub, and lavatories. Each floor also to have a general toilet room containing required water-closets and urinals. Each of the two rooms to have windows opening directly to the outer air, and to be separate but adjoining and com-

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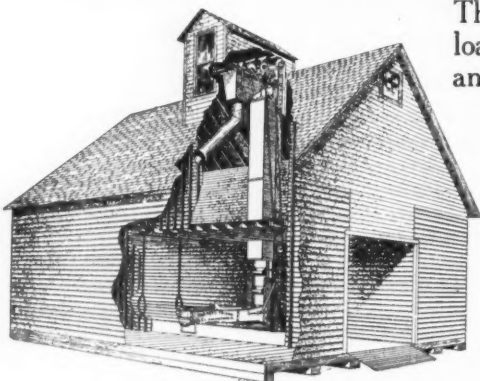
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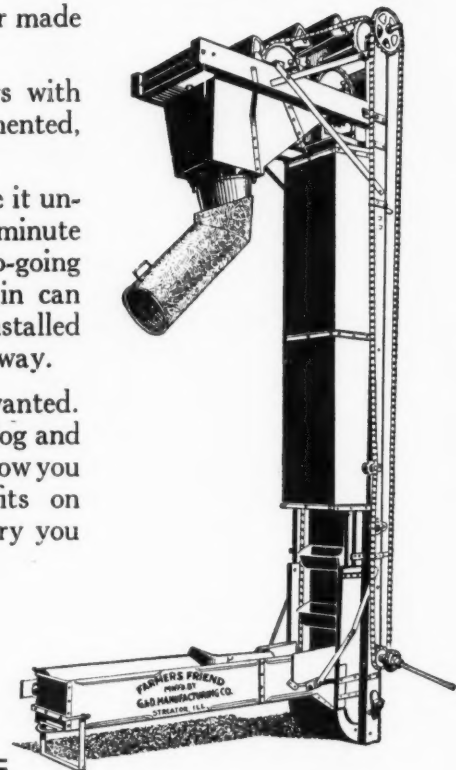


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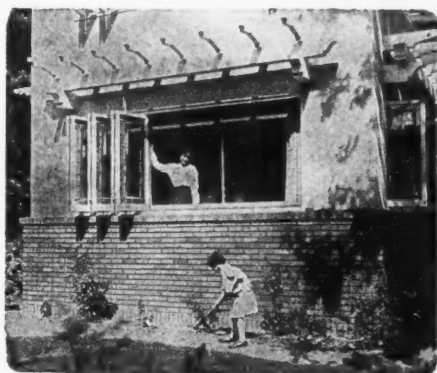
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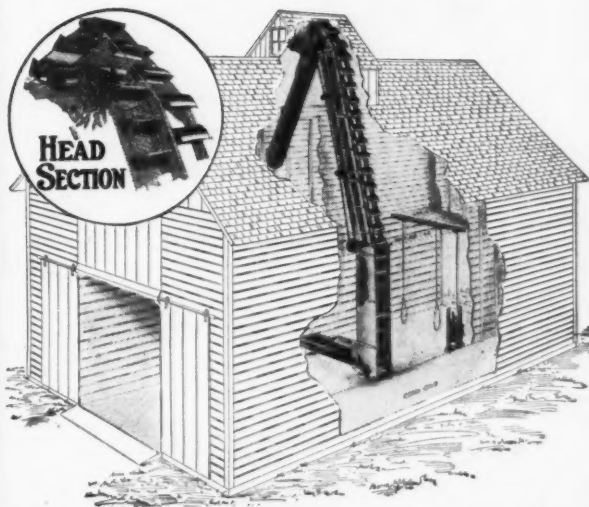
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The "National Giant" has more desirable features for you to base your recommendation upon and more **sensible features** for the FARMER than can be found on any other make of inside grain elevator. Why? Because on cribs 30x32 ft. or less, with half-pitch roof, it is not necessary to have a cupola. Saves the farmer money. When cupola is necessary, we can save the farmer from \$15 to \$30 with the National Giant. Ask us why, please. We also save the farmer the cost of digging a pit, and on the length of elevator required.

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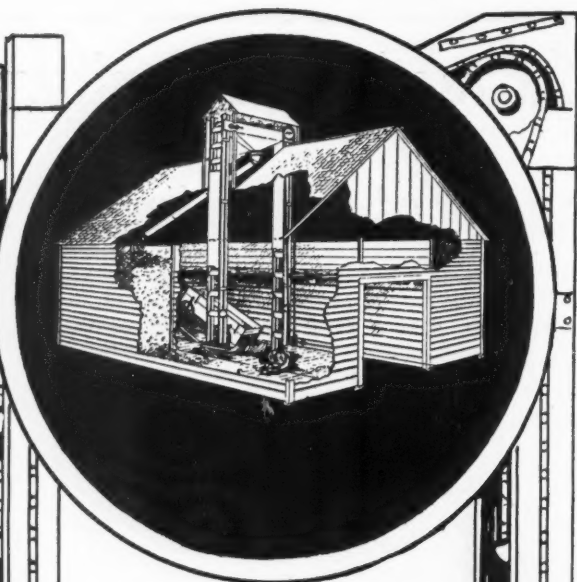
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municating. Service closets with slop sinks and space for brooms and pails to be provided on each floor.

Smoking room, reading room, billiard room, physician's room, laundry for washing clothes, superintendent's office and adequate quarters for superintendent to be provided. Unless provided elsewhere in the community, bowling alleys to be in basement.

Hotel (type 5) also to have dining room and cafeteria with outside access thereto, and with pantry, service rooms, kitchen, and toilet facilities for men and women employees. An additional general toilet room is to be provided conveniently accessible.

9. *Rooms, Size Of.*—Single bedrooms to have a minimum area of 70 square feet and minimum width of 7 feet.

10. *Ventilation.*—Bedroom doors preferably to be placed opposite each other and to have transoms or slat panels.

11. *Windows.*—One window in each room to have minimum area of 12 square feet between stop beads.

IV. Special Provisions for Types 6 and 7

Type 6. Lodging house for women.

Type 7. Hotel for women.

In addition to complying with all general provisions, types 6 and 7 must comply with the following special provisions:

1. *Arrangement.*—Provision to be made for 75 to 150 women (with less than 75 the unit is not economical; with more than 150 there are difficulties in management and supervision).

Height limited to 4 stories, except in large cities.

2. *Cellar.*—Minimum height, 7 feet; to be well lighted, cross ventilated, dry, and paved or cemented. Cellar not essential under whole building. Where omitted, building to be set up on masonry piers or walls 2 feet clear from ground; space to be drained, inclosed, and ventilated.

3. *Fire Protection.*—If over 4 stories high, to be fireproof thruout. If over 3 stories high, first-floor construction to be fireproof.

If over 2 stories high, a non-fireproof building the area of which exceeds approximately 3,000 square feet to be divided by fire walls of brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete into areas not exceeding approximately 3,000 square feet. All openings in such walls to be provided with fireproof self-closing doors. Adequate means of egress to be provided to street or yard by an additional flight of stairs, or by fire tower or stair fire escape (fire escape less desirable). All such additional means of egress to be remote from the main stairs and separated therefrom and from other parts of the building by walls of brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete, with fireproof self-closing doors at all openings. Such additional means of egress to be so located that no room shall be more than 40 feet from a means of egress. All main egress doors to swing out.

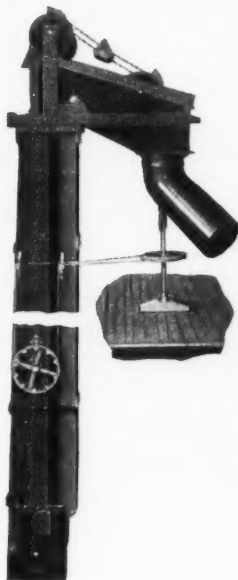
All stairs and stair halls to be not less than 3 feet wide in the clear and to be inclosed in walls of brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete, with fireproof self-closing doors at all openings. All doors to stair halls to swing into stair hall without obstructing free passage.

Dumb-waiters and elevators will not be accepted in stair inclosure; they should be inclosed in fireproof shafts with fireproof doors, those for dumb-waiters to be self-closing. Inside cellar stairs to be inclosed with walls of brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete, with self-closing fireproof doors. Standpipes with hose reels on each floor to be so located that any point can be reached with 75 feet of hose.

4. *Heating.*—Except where connected with a central heating plant, provision to be made for independent heating.

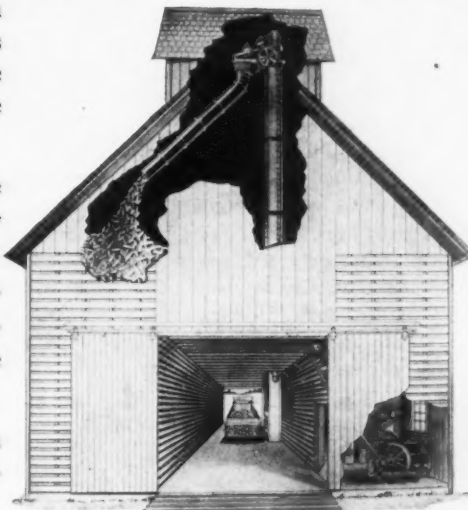
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5. *Materials for Exterior.*—To be of brick, terra cotta, stone or concrete, except that wood frame will be accepted for one-story buildings.

6. *Plumbing.*—Minimum provision: One water-closet per 10 women, one lavatory per 6 women, one body shower per 10 women, one bathtub per 25 women. Ratio to be increased where there are less than 50 women per floor. Floor and base of toilet rooms waterproof, not of concrete. Dwarf partitions between lavatories to extend at least 6 feet above the floor and have curtains. Sufficient water-closets to be provided in the cellar or basement for the accommodation of engineers, firemen, and laundry workers.

7. *Rooms, Height Of.*—Height for public rooms, 9 to 12 feet; minimum for bedrooms, 8 feet.

8. *Rooms, Number and Use Of.*—Each lodger to have separate room. (Cubicles and dwarf partitions will not be accepted.) Rooms for two women not permitted. Each floor to have a general bathroom containing required body showers, tub, and lavatories. Each floor also to have a general toilet room containing required water-closets. Each of these two rooms to have windows opening directly to the outer air, and to be separate, but adjoining and communicating. Service closet, with slop sink and space for brooms and pails to be provided on each floor.

First floor to have matron's office so placed as to oversee the single entrance and access to sleeping quarters; to have reception parlors or alcoves (one for every 20 women), or large parlor with furniture arranged for privacy in conversation; also assembly hall with movable partitions and set stage.

Kitchenette, sitting room, and sewing room to be provided on at least alternate room floors. Matron's quarters, physicians' room, and infirmary, laundry in which lodgers can wash their clothes, and trunk room to be provided.

Hotel (type 7) also to have dining room and cafeteria, with outside access thereto, with pantry, service rooms, kitchen, and toilet facilities for employees. An additional toilet room is to be provided conveniently accessible.

9. *Rooms, Size Of.*—Single bedrooms to have a minimum area of 70 square feet and minimum width of 7 feet.

10. *Ventilation.*—Bedroom doors preferably to be placed opposite each other, and to have transoms or slat panels.

11. *Windows.*—One window in each room to have minimum area of 12 square feet between stop beads.

V. Special Provision for Type 8

Type 8. Tenement house (including flats or apartments), a building occupied in whole or in part by three or more families:

Tenement and apartment houses are considered generally

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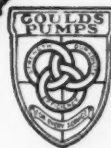
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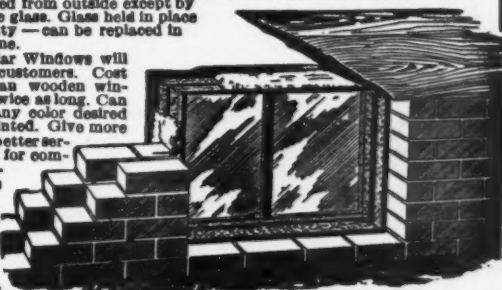


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Government's Standards for War Housing

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undesirable and will be accepted only in cities where, because of high land values, it is clearly demonstrated that single and two-family houses cannot be economically provided, or where there is insistent local demand for this type of multiple housing. In any case, they will be accepted only where the Bureau of Industrial Housing and Transportation is convinced that local conditions require or justify their use. They must conform in general to local building ordinances, to the general provision of these standards, and to other special provisions to be issued by the Bureau of Industrial Housing and Transportation.

VI. Special Provisions for Type 9 (Boarding House)

In addition to complying with all general provisions, buildings of type 9 must comply with the following special provisions:

Where more than 3 and less than 25 rooms for lodgers are provided, building to be classed as boarding house. If 3 lodgers or less, building to be classed as type 3; if 25 or more, to be classed as type 4, 5, 6, or 7.

1. *Access.*—Lodgers to have access to their bedrooms and to their water-closet compartments and bathrooms without going thru rooms designed for use of family. Separate outside entrance for lodgers recommended.

2. *Arrangement.*—Not to be over 3 stories high. Not to be over 2 rooms deep, except that the end house of rows may be 3 rooms deep.

3. *Cellar.*—To be well lighted, cross ventilated, dry, and paved or cemented. Minimum clear height under joists, 7 feet. Cellar not essential under whole house; where omitted, house to be set up on masonry piers or walls 2 feet clear from ground; space to be drained, inclosed, and ventilated.

4. *Fire Protection.*—If frame, not to be over 2 stories high. If over 2 stories high, adequate means of egress to be provided to street or yard by an additional flight of stairs, or by fire tower or stair fire escape (fire escape least desirable). All such additional means of egress to be remote from the main stairs and separated therefrom and from the other parts of the building by walls of brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete, with fireproof self-closing doors at all openings. Such additional means of egress to be so located that no room shall be more than 40 feet from a means of egress.

All stairs and stair halls to be not less than 3 feet wide in the clear and to be inclosed in walls of brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete, with fireproof self-closing doors at all openings.

Dumb-waiters and elevators will not be accepted in stair inclosure; they should be inclosed in fireproof shafts with fireproof doors, those for dumb-waiters to be self-closing.

5. *Heating.*—Except where connected with central plant, provision to be made for independent heating.

6. *Materials of Walls.*—Brick, terra cotta, stone, or concrete preferred, but wood frame clapboard, shingled, or stuccoed permitted for detached or semi-detached houses not over 2 stories high.

7. *Plumbing.*—Family living quarters to have:

Bathtub (shower is not sufficient).

Lavatory, to be preferably in bathroom.

Sink to be in kitchen; rim 36 inches above floor.

Washtubs with covers, preferably two, rim 36 inches above floor, to be set in kitchen or in well-lighted, dry, and ventilated cellar.

Water-closet to be inside the house in well-lighted and ventilated compartment, with window of $4\frac{1}{2}$ square feet minimum area to outer air, and preferably with impervious floor not of concrete.

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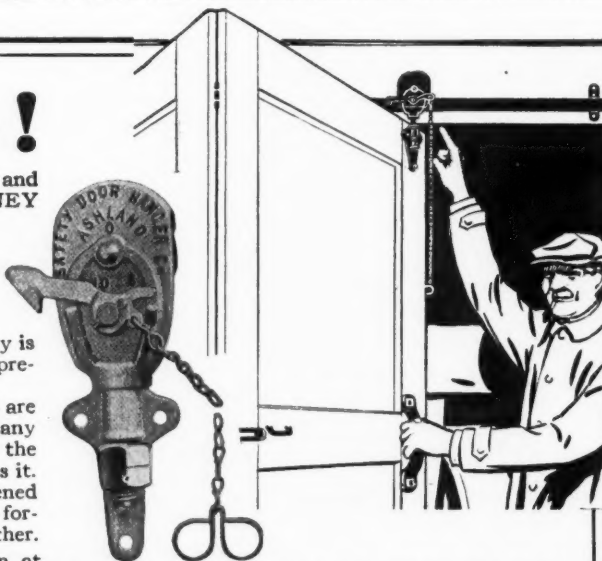
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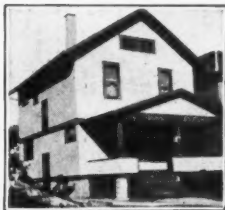
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In addition to above, a water-closet compartment containing lavatory to be provided for the sole use of the lodgers. Floor and base of toilet rooms to be waterproof, not of concrete.

The following minimum provisions to be made:

For men, 1 bathtub per 24 lodgers, 1 water-closet, and 1 lavatory per 8 lodgers, 1 shower per 10 lodgers; for women, 1 bathtub per 16 lodgers, 1 body shower per 10 lodgers, 1 lavatory per 5 lodgers, 1 water-closet per 8 lodgers. Dwarf partitions between lavatories for women to extend at least 6 feet above the floor and have curtains.

8. *Rooms, Height Of.*—Minimum, 8 feet.

9. *Rooms in Attic.*—No lodgers' rooms in attic accepted.

10. *Rooms, Number and Use Of.*—Each lodger to have separate room. Rooms for two lodgers not permitted. (Cubicles and dwarf partitions will not be accepted.) Building to contain more than 3 and less than 25 rooms for lodgers. In addition to living quarters for one family, lodgers' bathrooms and toilet rooms containing showers, tubs, lavatories, and water-closets to be provided; preferably, bathroom containing showers, tub, and lavatories to be separate but adjoining and communicating with water-closet compartment. One of each such rooms preferably on each floor. Each of these two rooms to have windows opening directly to the outer air. Lodgers to have a common room, also dining room; the latter to be located near family kitchen; the common room to be conveniently accessible from the outside.

11. *Rooms, Size Of.*—Single bedrooms for lodgers to have a minimum area of 70 square feet and minimum width of 7 feet. Size of common room and dining room each to be proportionate to the number of boarders.

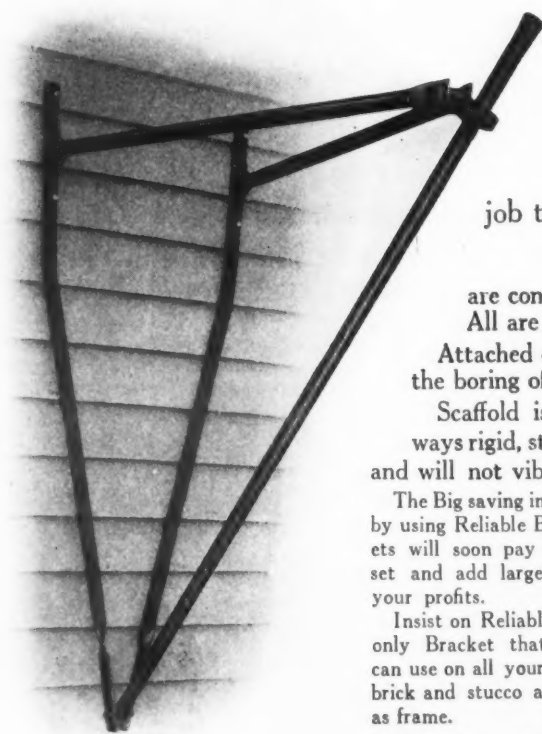
12. *Ventilation.*—Bedroom doors preferably to be placed opposite each other and to have transoms or slat panels.

Hammond's Liberty Hall Built in a Day*(Continued from page 33.)*

continued in the afternoon; the job was complete an hour and a half before six o'clock, the time set. The painters, wiremen, and roofers did not report until one; they found everything in readiness, and completed their work in short order. The painters, in fact, were thru before three, and the roofers and wiremen before four. The interior work—partitions, seats, and the like—went in just as planned.

So rapidly did the men do their work that the "bosses" felt perfectly safe in stopping all work from 11:30 to 12 to allow the women a place in the sun. The women's efforts were responsible, in considerable part, for the putting thru of the plan. Accordingly, at 11:30 a "unit of lady carpenters," consisting of six members dressed in overalls, marched to the grounds preceded by a brass band, were formally "initiated" into the carpenter's union, and at once got busy. While nobody made any complaint as to their work, the six members felt it incumbent upon themselves to subscribe for a \$50 Liberty Bond.

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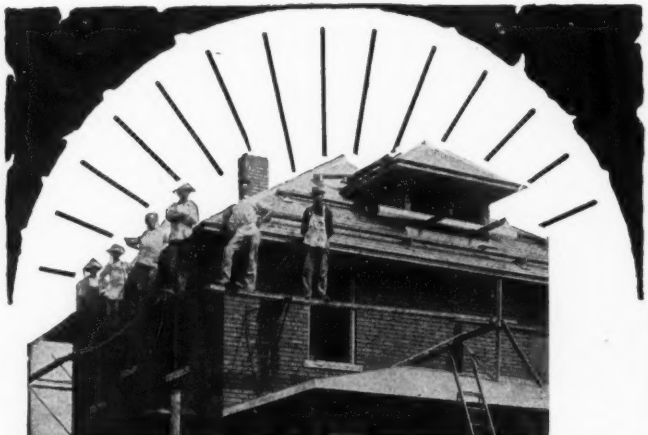
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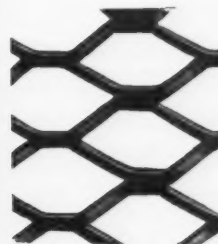


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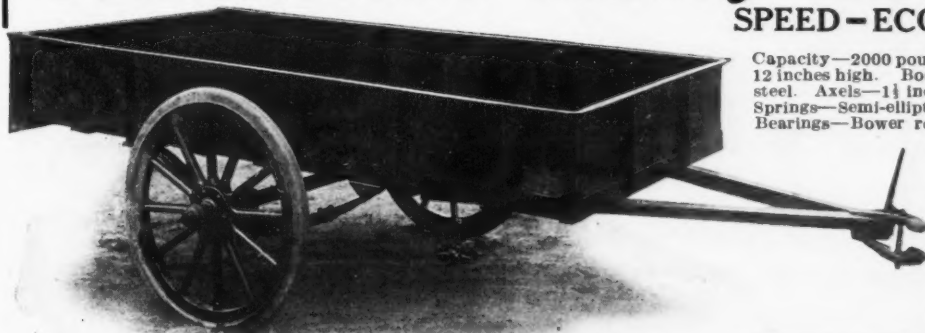
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Determining the Capacity of the Storage Battery

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energy drain on the battery is at the rate of 320 candle-power. This means for tungsten lamps, a watt demand for 400. Dividing by 32 or 110, according to the voltage of the system we have adopted, we get 12.5 amperes in the one case, and 3.64 amperes in

the other. We could get substantially these results from the tables. In the case of the 32-volt system, we have $20 \times 0.625 = 12.5$; and of the 110-volt system, $20 \times 0.181 = 3.62$.

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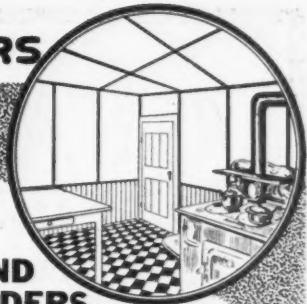
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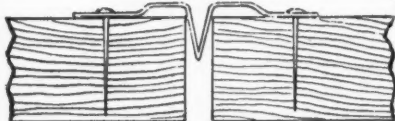
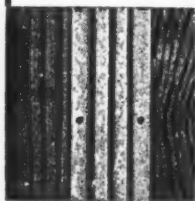
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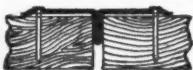
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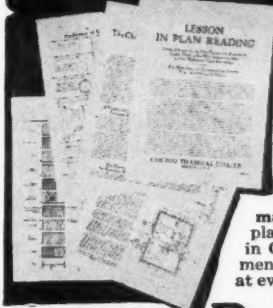
In case we have decided on the 110-volt system, then we seek first to find a battery competent to take care of the amperage requirement of 3.62 amperes during a period of 5 hours. One standard battery is competent to deliver for this period current at the rate of 3.5 amperes; and the next size at 7 amperes. This latter is obviously the battery to select, provided the balance of energy is sufficient to take care of the residue of the lighting. The balance of energy is found by subtracting (5 hours \times 3.62 amperes $=$) 18.10 ampere-hours from the total capacity of the battery, which is 40 ampere-hours. The total energy required is (8 hours \times 2 \times 0.091 amperes $+$ 2 hours \times 6 \times 0.181 ampere) $=$ 3.63 ampere-hours. We shall, accordingly, undoubtedly have not only enough energy in this battery, but also a big reserve. This will be a good thing.

In the foregoing example, worked out for both 32 and 110 volts, the reader may think that insufficient attention has been paid to the question whether the balance of energy left after the heavy 5-hour run is really sufficient to take care of the remainder of the work. The reader may not wish to guess. The following principles may be stated for those who wish to calculate to a finish. A storage battery is supposed to be charged and discharged in a period of 8 hours. It may be made to give up, in such a period, all its energy. That is, if we know its total energy (in ampere-hours), we may obtain this energy at the rate of $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the total per hour. Further, we may get its total energy at *any lesser rate*. We may, then, apply this rule to any residue of energy. In the case of the 32-volt system, we had a residue of 17.5 ampere-hours, withdrawable at the rate of $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of 62.5 ampere-hours, or at any lesser rate. That is, we may withdraw at the rate of 7.8 amperes or less. The heaviest demand we had to consider was that of the six 16-candle-power lamps in the morning. As one lamp requires a rate of 0.625 ampere the six will not require more than 3.75 amperes. This is well within the possible 7.8-ampere rate. The two 8-candle-power lamps will demand current at a very slow rate. Having determined that our rates are right and our total residue of energy is also right, we settle on this battery as quite proper. We may deal similarly with the case where the voltage is 110.

A 110-volt battery will ordinarily consist of 60 cells. It may be desirable to charge such a battery from a current at the same voltage. In general, charging will require a slight initial excess of voltage in the current which will be increased towards the end. In order to deal with a battery whose voltage is too large for the current, we may divide the battery into groups and deal with them separately or *in parallel* thru a rheo-

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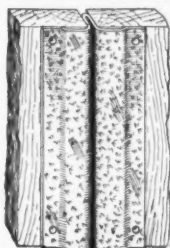
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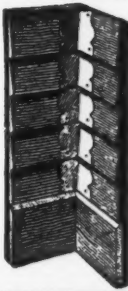
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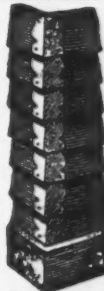
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stat. Thus, in the present case, we may divide the 60-cell battery into two 30-cell halves and deal with these as said.

The choice of the dynamo naturally turns on the choice of the battery. Dynamos are listed in accordance with their kilowatt capacity. The amperage will be obtained by multiplying the number of kilowatts by 1000 to get watts, and then dividing by the volts. Or, to reverse the procedure, if we want to know the kilowatt capacity necessary for a given battery, we take the 8-hour ampere rate, multiply it by 32 or 110, according to the system selected, and divided by 1000. We then have the bare kilowatt capacity of the dynamo. Suppose the ampere rate is, for example, 15. If the system proposed is the 110-volt one, then we have ($15 \times 110 = 1780$ watts), or 1.78 kilowatts. Of course, there may be no generator listed at the exact capacity required, this fact causing us to select a size somewhat in excess of exact requirements.

The engine power required to operate the generator will perhaps need to be determined in terms of horse-power. Given kilowatts, we get horse-power by multiplying by 1.34. Given horse-power, we get kilowatts by multiplying by 0.746. For example, 3 kilowatts as a power capacity is converted into horse-power by multiplying by 1.34, giving us 4.02 horse-power. Conversely, suppose we wish to convert 5.6 horse-power into kilo-

watts. We do so by simply multiplying 5.6 by 0.746, thus obtaining 4.18 kw. It should be remembered in selecting an engine, that too much excess power will naturally result in uneconomical operation.

I referred, some time back, to a battery requirement as so many cells, with or without three special cells. There is an important matter involved here. Batteries are lead-and-acid or else alkaline. With a certain lead-acid battery, it is possible by means of extra cells to arrange the battery so that the lights may be on at the very same time that the battery is being charged. This will often be a very important possibility. Without the special cells, the plant may, nevertheless, be controlled so as to provide for the lights from the battery alone, from the generator alone, or from both combined.

I may add, in concluding this installment, certain information as to the power requirements for the operation of other apparatus besides lights. Here is a tabulation covering accessories.

When Used on a 32-Volt Current

Name of Accessory	Amperage required
1/12-hp. motor	3.0
1/4-hp. motor	7.3
1/2-hp. motor	12.8
1-hp. motor	23.3
8-inch fan (25-watt)	0.8
12-inch fan (60-watt)	1.9
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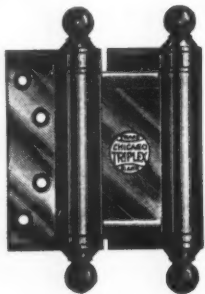
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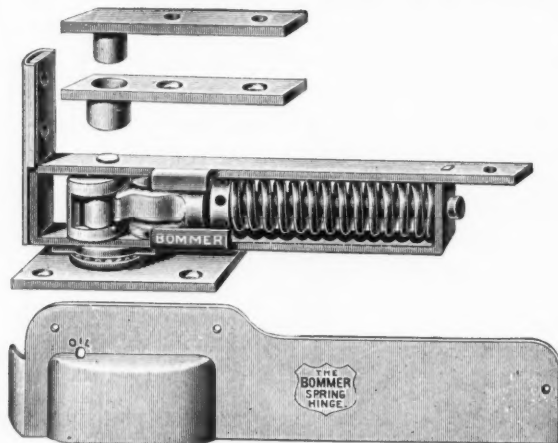
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